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Alumni, join us as we celebrate the rich heritage and exciting future of our great university. Many of our current and retired faculty, who you might remember, will be in attendance.

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LETTER FROM **THE PRESIDENT**



KENT J. INGLE, D.MIN.

It is my distinct honor to welcome you to this Summer 2015 issue of the *Southeastern* alumni magazine. As one of our cherished alumni, you are part of the ongoing story of this Christ-centered institution. Let me take this time to share some of the events in Southeastern's most recent chapter as well as our vision for its future destiny. God has truly been moving within our community as we blaze ahead in fulfilling our mission to equip students to discover and develop their Divine Design to serve Christ and the world through Spirit-empowered life, learning and leadership.

As I look back on this past year, there are several milestones for us to remember. The 2015 National Leadership Forum was a tremendous success as we hosted


leaders such as Daniel Goleman and the now Presidential candidate Carly Fiorina. Our campus is expanding rapidly as we complete the new Natural & Health Sciences building while concurrently razing Spence Hall, the Lindsey Science building, and the music building to make room for our new Live/Learn facility. And certainly not least, we celebrated our 2015 Spring Commencement which saw the largest class of graduates released from our halls to transform the world.

I believe these achievements are the steps leading us to the doors of unfathomable possibilities. Our gaze is fixed upon an even brighter future. As Southeastern continues its exceptional growth and dramatic expansion, we look forward to a second consecutive year of historic enrollment accompanied by another sizzling season of Fire Football!

Yet the vision of Southeastern transcends our degrees or buildings. Behind every single diploma is a student. Within each athlete is a person. Underneath every program is a need. So when you stand on our campus and look at the clamor of construction or the busy students rushing to their classes, you know that beneath it all there are people being shaped in those classrooms, on the sports fields, and in the chapel. Our goal is to cultivate a fertile environment for academic, physical, and spiritual development.

That's why we are committed to courageous innovation. Our vision –

pure and simple – is to see students' lives transformed, and then see those students released to engage and transform their own culture. It is our responsibility, then, to ensure we properly equip students. This year we are launching a new program called Church Plant University. Church Plant U connects students to church plants around the nation to give them direct, hands-on engagement in ministry allowing them to see their education *in action*. This is just one of the groundbreaking initiatives we are starting at Southeastern University. Our Leadership Team is always looking to see what the needs of the future will be. We are always working to be on the cutting edge of education.

At the heart of all we do is a desire to serve our students because we *are* a Christ-centered, student-focused institution. Our commitment is not only to these students while they are with us on campus, but it also extends to when they become esteemed alumni. We take pride in who our alumni have become and the great achievements they have accomplished. I sincerely pray that you will always remember Southeastern as a place of empowerment, and I hope you will stay in touch with us and be a part of the continuing story of Southeastern University. May God continue to bless you and open many more doors for you as you continue on your own divinely designed journey. 



Natural & Health Sciences Building **RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, AT 10 A.M.

For more information about the event, please contact alumni@seu.edu or 863.667.5455.

LETTER FROM **ALUMNI DIRECTOR**



It is with great anticipation that I write to share with you many of the exciting things that are happening with your Alumni Association. I am finding it hard to believe that we are already two-thirds of the way into the year and time only seems to be increasing in speed. With so much accomplished, there is yet so much to be done. I want to share a few highlights with you in case you were not aware.

ONLINE COMMUNITY

Many of you have already joined the online community that is available to all of our alumni. Within this community you have the ability to edit your profile to allow others to see exactly what you want them to see (or not to see), such as your address, phone number, email, etc. You also have the ability to upload a photo for your profile, submit a class note, or even update your information.

In the near future we are hoping to better define smaller sub-sets of our alumni so that you can join groups such as "Education Majors," "Basketball Players,"

"Spence Hall Residents" or members of a "Club" on campus. One of our main objectives is to create an environment where our alumni can network and engage with each other. In order to register for the online community, visit alumni.seu.edu and it will walk you through a brief verification process to get you set up.

O2 PROGRAM

Another exciting program for our alumni is a newly developed affinity program called O2. If every fire requires a fuel (oxygen), then it would stand to reason that the fuel to keep the SEU Fire burning brightly is through our new O2 program. We are encouraging all of our alumni to participate in this annual membership program for a gift of \$25 per year. Exciting to note, 100% of all proceeds from this go directly back into student scholarships.

If you have not familiarized yourself with some of the benefits associated with this new program, you can see them on the next page. We are thrilled that over 200 alumni have signed up for membership in O2 already. By joining today you will help to increase the participation of alumni giving and will also help in securing the future education of tomorrow's leaders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI RECEPTION

August 6, 8:45 pm

General Council of the Assemblies of God
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL
Ballroom C

If you are attending General Council, live in Orlando or the surrounding vicinity, I encourage you to join us for the FREE

reception. The reception will be held on Thursday evening, August 6, after the evening service of General Council. We are estimating that the reception will begin around 8:45 pm. Many of our faculty, both retired and currently teaching, will be on hand to visit with our alumni.

All alumni will receive a gift and other drawings will be done at the end of the evening for your chance to win one of the following: an Apple iWatch, a two-pack of season tickets for home football games and complimentary membership into the Fire Club for one year, or one pair of Bose noise cancelling headphones.

HOMECOMING

October 16 & 17
Lakeland, FL

Join us for our Homecoming this year as we are anticipating a record number of guests for our event. The Annual Alumni Awards Dinner will be a great time to connect with friends, and then you will not want to miss the tailgating event before our Homecoming football game. Save the date now for this epic event!

Don't forget to submit your nominations for this year's alumni awards at alumni.seu.edu/awards2015. You can find a description of each award on page 57.

Lastly, if we can assist you, please do not hesitate to contact the alumni office. Make sure to share the great things that are happening with you SEU family! ➡



FUEL THE FIRE

The best way to stop a fire is to deplete the very thing that is feeding it—Oxygen (O₂). This is the last thing that we want to happen at Southeastern; instead, we want to fan the flame of the Fire by continually supporting the supply of fuel.

The annual giving from our alumni helps to provide scholarship dollars for our students year after year. The revenue generated from this campaign each year directly affects the lives of our students.

The Alumni Association is excited to announce a revamp of our current alumni affinity program – now called **SEU O₂**. Of course, anyone who has attended or graduated from Southeastern will always be a welcomed member of the Alumni Association, but for those willing to contribute a minimum of \$25 a year we want to say a special “Thank you.” Your 100% charitable contribution will come with a number of benefits, which are listed to the right.

Help increase alumni participation by joining **SEU O₂** and continue to feed the Fire! After signing up you will receive an Alumni ID card (just like a student ID card) in the mail. Use this card to take advantage of all the benefits afforded to you by your Alumni Association. I trust that this will be a blessing to you and your family as you are a blessing to others.

Ed Maner
Director of Alumni and External Relations

PROGRAM BENEFITS



DISCOUNT PROGRAM

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With your new O2 alumni card you now have online and in-person access to Southeastern's Steelman Library. Through our complete online database collection, you can access tools to help with sermon preparation, graduate studies, or continued education. Make sure to bring your O2 alumni card with you when you check out books or movies and more.



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Make sure to cheer on the Fire at every home football game and receive 50% off your game ticket when you present your alumni card or place your order online.



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Why make monthly payments at a gym, when a gym membership at Southeastern is included in the O2 program? In order to use the gym, all you need to do is fill out a waiver. Throughout the year, there will be hour restrictions based on athletic needs.

¹ A form must be completed prior to accessing the online databases in the Steelman Library. In order to participate in this benefit, please email library@seu.edu to register.

² A waiver must be signed before using the weight room.

³ Discount is not available on textbooks and personal hygiene items.



For more information, visit: alumni.seu.edu/O2benefits

LETTER FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



It is an honor to write my first letter as president of the Alumni Association for Southeastern University to the entire Fire alumni represented worldwide. It has been a pleasure working with Dr. Ingle and his dynamic leadership team in crafting ways in which to engage all of our nearly 30,000 alumni in the growing Fire Nation. Under Dr. Ingle's leadership, Southeastern has been soaring to unparalleled heights, even receiving recognition as one of the top 10 best colleges in the state of Florida by *Niche* rankings and #41 nationally by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The culture at Southeastern continues to amaze me as I see God's handiwork represented in everything that the university does. Praise God for the blessing on our Alma Mater!

Having just returned from my first trip to Israel, I have been spending so much of my time reconciling the "Jesus of Faith" with the "Historical Jesus." You see, like most westerners, my experience with Jesus

has been a spiritual relationship based on faith, the kind described by Jesus to a very doubting Thomas in John 20:29 where he told him "...blessed are those who believe without seeing me." However, since my visit, the reality of the Jesus of History has strengthened my faith. Not that I saw Jesus on my trip, but in the Middle East, the fact that Jesus existed is not an arguable point; most all religions believe that there was a carpenter from Galilee that went about performing miracles and claiming to be the Messiah. The question, however, is whether or not he was the Son of God and that is exactly where my faith meets history, because I believe that he was.

Since my return, there are a few thoughts that resonate through my mind as I re-examine my life after Israel:

1. Jesus did not start his ministry until age 30 and was very systematic and patient about his preparation for the call: from water baptism, to Holy Spirit endowment, to wilderness testing to the final proclamation and fulfillment of his "Divine Design."
2. Jesus spent the majority of his very short three years in ministry around the Sea of Galilee, yet his ministry now reaches every nation and every tongue of people on the planet.
3. No other human being has ever had the impact on society that Jesus of Nazareth did. He was by far the most successful and impactful person ever to grace this planet.

With an active enrollment at SEU approaching 4,000 students and nearly 30,000 alumni, it is not hard to see why

Jesus expects us to do greater works. When I think about the impact that we, the alumni of this university, can have on culture and on changing lives one individual at a time, I become overwhelmed with a sense of purpose. Jesus spent the majority of his time right there in the region of Galilee; what can we do if we will be more intentional about ministry around our Galilee? If Jesus could impact a world in 33 years of life and only three years of ministry, what can we do with a lifetime? If Jesus was successful in fulfilling his Father's purpose, then how do we measure success? Lastly, if Jesus was so patient and systematic about preparing for ministry, then what am I doing to help future generations to prepare for ministry?

As president of the SEU Alumni Association it is my objective to continue to work with the Alumni Board and the departments of University Advancement and Alumni Relations in support of the President's goals. I really believe that every minute and every dollar that we spend investing in the lives of these students makes God happy, and at the end of the day, that's the most important thing that any of us can do. I look forward to meeting many of you at General Council in August.





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9 DISCIPLINES OF ENDURING LEADERSHIP

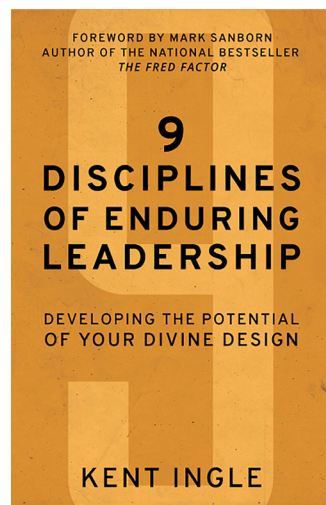
by Dr. Kent Ingle

As the saying goes, “Crisis is the mother of invention.” Crisis can also be the catalyst of change. Many of us come to the crossroads of crisis, and we suddenly look around and ask, “How did I get here?” No one plans for failure or plans to be irresponsible, but it happens over time. It sneaks up on us when we fail to pay attention to what is really important.

This book, *9 Disciplines of Enduring Leadership*, was birthed out of my own experience in crisis when I discovered I had a severe case of sugar diabetes. As I share in the introduction, I knew there were short-term solutions, but quick fixes always lead to dependence upon something else so we can continue in our irresponsibility. In the end, we find ourselves spiraling down a dangerous cycle.

It’s not a solution. It’s a Band-Aid.

As I wrestled with this, I started a journey in becoming a true *life-steward*. We are called to manage the resources God has entrusted to us including our health, time, talents, resources, influence, leadership, and family. These are not separate aspects of life. They are interconnected. When we are irresponsible in one part, it affects every part. This is why it is crucial for leaders to be disciplined in every area of their life.




But what is “discipline” really?

Discipline is the systematic management of your life to prepare and position you for your Divine Design. That’s why discipline is important to everyone. Whether you’re a young college student, a parent, or a person in the middle of life’s adventure, we all come to a place where we feel “stuck.” We all need God’s renewal and renovation.

Now, this book isn’t about *doing* more. True renovation is a change in the way we *think*. Every action is preceded by a mental process, so our discipline must be focused on our thinking. For example, one of the disciplines I discuss is *self-awareness*. We don’t learn simply by going through an experience; we learn when we reflect on it. When you

understand your own design, you have a better understanding of how God wants you to use it.

Another example is being disciplined in continuous learning. Those who refuse to learn are falling behind. Stagnation will compromise a leader’s ability to lead, but our human “law of inertia” opposes our desire to learn. We tend to drift toward efficiency rather than effectiveness. There are also the disciplines of generosity, self-management, missional living, and many others.

In the end, if we aren’t allowing the Holy Spirit to continually renovate our minds, we will follow cultural trends and compromise our Divine Design and calling. When our thinking is aligned with God’s principles, then our actions have a better chance of aligning with Him. Many believers are in a spiritual crisis that parallels the physical crisis I experienced. They never planned for things to spin out of control. They simply drifted toward spiritual lethargy without any point of reference to guide them. The good news is that God knew you before anyone else realized you existed. He gave us principles by which to live and discover that uniquely crafted plan for our lives. The closer we are to Him, the better we understand His plan. Let us never settle for mediocrity when excellence is possible. 

ON CAMPUS



SOUTHEASTERN PARTNERS WITH GTE FINANCIAL

Southeastern opened a student-powered financial center through a partnership with GTE Financial on the university's campus. The financial center is the second student-powered credit union that GTE has opened in Florida and is offering students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in financial services. The center is completely run and operated by four Southeastern students. The center is open to the public and located on the first floor of the Pansler Alumni-Student Union building.



SOCIETY OF PENTECOSTAL STUDIES CONFERENCE HOSTED ON CAMPUS

In March of 2015, Southeastern hosted the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) annual meeting, with nearly 400 Pentecostal scholars from around the world attending. Many of the College of Christian Ministries and Religion faculty members and several SEU students presented papers during the conference. The theme of the 2015 meeting was "Global Spirit: Pentecostals and the World." Dr. Kenneth Archer (pictured right), professor of theology, was inducted as the new president of SPS during the conference.

"Every year I look forward to SPS because it is the place to be for cutting-edge scholarship concerning Pentecostalism," said Dr. Archer. "It allows scholars from around the world an opportunity to engage in dialogue, pray and worship together, and reflect upon what the Spirit is doing with the Pentecostal Charismatic traditions. Some observers call it 'Scholarship on Fire.'"

Southeastern hosted the 2002 and 1991 meetings as well. Southeastern professors Dr. Peter Althouse and Dr. Robby Waddell are the co-editors of *Pneuma*, SPS's journal.





SEU Welcomes NEW CAMPUS PASTOR

At the end of the spring semester, the SEU community welcomed **PHILIP URDIALES '14 MAML** as the new campus pastor. Phil previously served as the associate campus pastor of athletics at Southeastern since September of 2013. He has his bachelor's degree in ministry leadership from Northwest University in Kirkland, WA. Before moving to Southeastern, he served as a youth pastor at New Life Church in Los Angeles, CA. Phil transitioned into this role after **ANDREW GARD '13 MAML** resigned from his position at the conclusion of the spring semester to plant a church in Lakeland, FL. Andrew served as the campus pastor at Southeastern since 2011.

Southeastern had the opportunity to sit down with Phil and ask him a few questions about his life and what he is looking forward to this next school year.

Where do you consider home?

I consider home wherever I am. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA; pastored in Puyallup, WA; and now reside in Lakeland, FL.

Tell me a little bit about your family and how you and your wife met.

My wife, Jenna, and I have been married for six and a half years. We met in the Seattle area. I took her on our first date on Valentine's Day to a Seattle SuperSonics' game, and she fell head over heels for me. We have a daughter named Quinn who is almost a year old.

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

Jamaica. Because we love all-you-can-eat and all-you-can-sleep resorts.

What is your favorite SEU Worship song?

It is definitely "The Comforter Has Come." I love the words to the song,

and I love the way it is sung by **RANEY WADE '14** on the track.

How did your journey begin at SEU?

Andrew had been telling me about all the great things happening at Southeastern. When I found out there was an opening to pastor athletes, my wife and I jumped at the opportunity, and here we are. I loved the idea of pastoring athletes and being a part of this community.

How has your role changed or shifted?

The only thing different about my role is I am making more decisions. The fact of being with people and being in the lives of the students at Southeastern hasn't, nor will it change. One of the things about my philosophy of ministry is that titles do not dictate what I do. So although I have more responsibility, I am just as accessible as I was before. The reality is people are the reason why I do what I do.



Tell me a little bit about your word for the year and why you decided on it.

It comes out of Luke 4:42-44. The word of the year is "For this Purpose." I taught out of these verses back in August to our student leaders and it stuck with me throughout the year. This passage says that the crowd wanted to keep Jesus where He was and His response was, "I must preach the Kingdom of Heaven to the other cities also for this purpose I have been sent." What stood out to me was the fact that Jesus had such a resolve to not be swayed by the crowds but to be rooted in the Father's purpose for His life. It was that purpose that dictated His action. For me and for our university – our students, staff, and faculty – if we are rooted in the Father's purpose, it will determine the action that we take. And the gospel is all about action, not just words.

What are your goals and visions for Southeastern as a spiritual leader?

My goal for us as a university is to always take care of Southeastern first, but not only. I believe that Jesus did not just call us here to Southeastern, but He called us to Lakeland. If we can love Lakeland and the time that we are here, it will be easy for us to love the cities we go to. I want us to continue loving the city as much as we love Southeastern.

What has been your favorite part of being involved in the students' lives?

One of the things I asked the Lord for a few years ago was to send me to the nations. I wanted to speak all over the world. I think the unique thing about Southeastern and what I have loved the most about it is that the nations are here – that God gave me the promise that I was looking for just in a different way. It has

been really good to be a part of students' lives that come from different parts of the world and to get an idea of how they live and how God has showed up in their part of the world.

Do you have any advice for our young and recent alumni?

Faith gets you in the door, but works get you a seat at the table. Here's what I know, no one will ever take possessions to Heaven, but we sure can take people. So wherever they go and whatever they do, they have to understand that people are the economy of Heaven and the currency of earth. It's all about people. ➡

ON CAMPUS

M.DIV. TO LAUNCH

This fall, the College of Christian Ministries and Religion will launch a new Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program. The course work – totaling 72 credit hours in all, or three years of full-time study – will encompass an in-depth study of the Bible, theology and practical ministry.

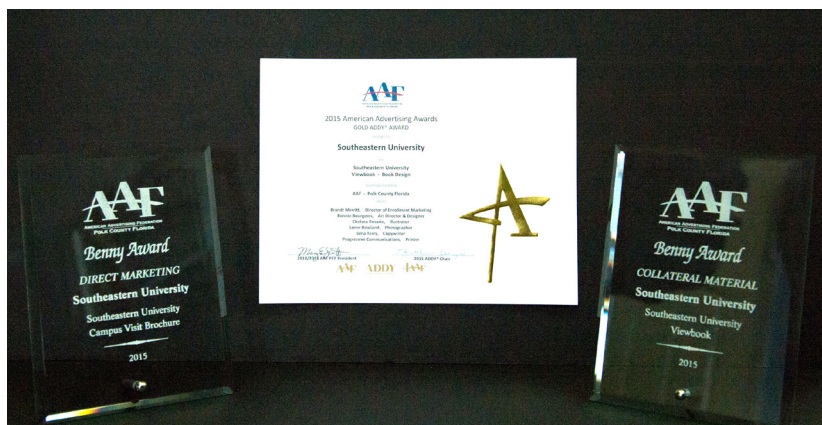
“The M.Div. provides a solid balance of advanced ministry skills, biblical studies, and theological training for ministry leaders serving as pastors, chaplains, and in para-church ministry,” said Dr. Alan Ehler, dean of the College of Christian Ministries and Religion.

NEW BLOG LAUNCHED

ECCLĒSIAM



The College of Christian Ministries and Religion has published a new blog – Ecclesiam. Their mission is to connect current students, alumni, and the church through practical and theological research released by the college’s faculty and students. The blog has five main sections: The Church, The Inner Life, Theology and the Bible, Current Topics and a section dedicated to current students called Student Symposium. For more information or to read their blogs visit Ecclesiam.com.



AWARD WINNING MARKETING TEAM

The Enrollment Marketing Department at SEU was recently recognized for outstanding work in marketing and advertising by the American Advertising Federation. SEU’s marketing department competes head-to-head with local advertising firms such as Madden Brand Agency and Kellogg Marketing, as well as corporate marketing teams such as Publix.

This year, SEU won two awards for the best entry in a given category for the 2014 viewbook (Collateral Material) and visit brochure/poster (Direct Marketing). Publix was the only other winner of multiple best-in-category awards. This is a major honor that recognizes Southeastern’s marketing efforts as some of the best in Central Florida across all fields, not just higher education. SEU also received nine gold or silver recognitions for the following entries:

- Viewbook – gold for Collateral Material
- Visit brochure – gold for Direct Marketing and silver for Collateral Material
- Prospective student campaign – gold for Collateral Material
- Search piece – silver for Direct Marketing
- Athletics website – silver for Digital Advertising
- Merry Christmas email – silver for Digital Advertising
- Loree Rowland – silver for Photography for the viewbook



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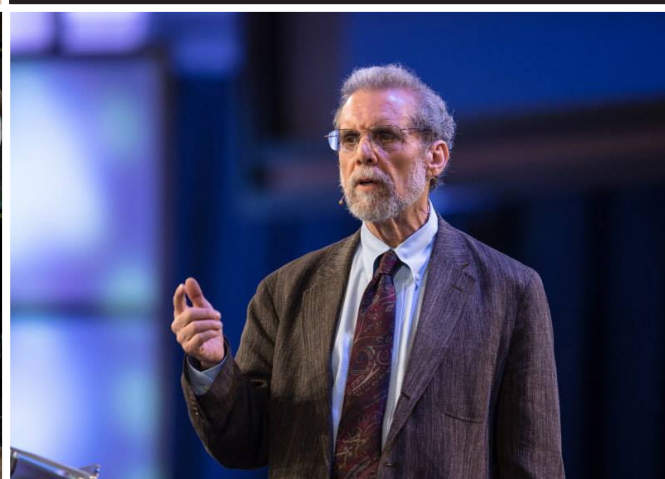


SEU THE FORUM

2015 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

On March 20, students along with business and community leaders filled Bush Chapel to hear from five nationally recognized speakers at the National Leadership Forum. The speakers were Jon Gordon, Daniel Goleman, Carly Fiorina, Nancy Duarte and Marcus Luttrell. The night concluded with a Scholarship Gala featuring Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy whose inspirational story is told in *The Blind Side*.

Plans are already underway for the 2016 Forum, which will be held March 17 and 18. Visit SEULeadershipForum.com for details about next year's Forum.





PAINTING THE FUTURE

Beginning in August, students will be able to take courses in painting, drawing, art exhibition, color theory, and typography as part of an expansion to Southeastern's visual arts program. Dr. Craig Collins, dean for the College of Arts & Media (CAM), envisions these courses as a precursor to a comprehensive visual arts program. "We are building a program entrenched in all facets of visual literacy, a space where the doctrines of creation influence artists and the creative processes," Collins said.

Jon Seals will join the CAM faculty as the instructor for these courses. Seals holds a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and a Master of Arts in Religion concentrated in Religion and the Arts from the Yale Divinity School and Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM). He was awarded the prestigious Faculty Prize by the ISM and his essays, reviews, and works of art have been published in *ArtPulse Magazine*, *Letters Literary Art Journal*, *Palimpsest* Yale Literary and Arts Magazine, and *Reflections Magazine* at Yale Divinity School. Seals has exhibited his work in solo and group art exhibitions in galleries and at colleges throughout the United States and curated two group exhibitions at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.



In conjunction with the introduction of these courses, the university entered a partnership with the Polk Museum of Art (PMOA). As part of this partnership, the university's painting and drawing courses will be housed at

PMOA. "We have been looking forward to working with Professor Seals for some time now. I feel certain that those who will benefit from his teaching and academic inquiry will go beyond the students and faculty of SEU," said Claire Orologas, executive director of PMOA.

"These new courses will not only enrich the Southeastern University community, but the Lakeland community at large, and ripple outward even further as students continue their lives of service to God and to humanity. It is important to me that these courses move in multidirectional ways, like art itself, a web of interconnectedness made of faith, intellect, and art extending upward, outward, and inward," said Seals.

Seals has long demonstrated a passion for community art and partnerships. His most recent public art exhibit was a collaborative work with Franklyn Zhu. In describing the exhibit, Seals said, "Artists have long explored the

ON CAMPUS



Pictured Above: *Memory Architecture* at Fahm Gallery in Savannah, GA, showcased the work of Jon Seals.

Pictured Below: (left) *Memory Comparison* is done as an ammonia process blueprint, and (right) *Plow* is an oil on canvas work.





Cherub, by Jon Seals and Franklyn Zhu ('17 Yale College). Photograph courtesy of Lux: Ideas through Light.

mystery of the push and pull power of the eyes in portraiture. Looking into the eyes of another, it is possible to be pulled into an ethical dialectic that perhaps may point to the infinite. The open or closed position of the eyelid is often associated with life or death. The blink is regularly used to signal brevity. Our project titled, *Cherub*, covers one side of The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library with videos of eyes from students, faculty, and staff from Yale College, Yale Divinity School, and Yale Institute of Sacred Music.”

When Seals was asked about his perspective on art as seen through the lens of a biblical world view, he shared that “throughout history, the Christian faith has inspired, financed, and showcased some of the finest works of art the world has ever known. It is

my aim to see that rich tradition continue into the 21st century through innovation, conviction, and sensitivity. This takes an entire program of people investing their lives and resources in the arts, and at its best, I believe this to be a vigorous and natural expression of the community of believers.”

Seals is most excited about building relationships at Southeastern centered on faith, intellect, and art. “Southeastern University is growing exponentially, and I hope to step into that trajectory and contribute through spiritual fervor, academic rigor, and a dedication to artistic excellence. I believe God opened this door for me to be part of the team at SEU, and it is my conviction that when and where God leads, you go.

“I am excited about this unique opportunity to create and develop a compelling spectrum of visual art courses amidst an already robust graphic design program. It is my goal that through these courses students will attain the interests, knowledge, and refinement of skill they will need to succeed as responsible makers of culture who exhibit the highest standards of professionalism and Christian ethics in their art and life.”

While the visual arts courses, at their inception, will be taught at PMOA, the College of Arts & Media is embarking on a major facilities expansion. Part of the programming includes a 2D/3D suite and a 592-square-foot gallery for exhibitions in all genres of art. These facilities comprise the first dedicated space for art on the university’s campus. At its core, art is about vision – and the vision for the SEU College of Arts & Media is to combine space and personnel in a manner that inspires and encourages our students.



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SEU Alum and Professor HELPS LAUNCH WSEU

This past March, Southeastern launched WSEU 93.7 FM, an over-the-air radio station that can be heard in close to 75 percent of Lakeland. Prior to March, Southeastern had a closed circuit radio station that could only be heard on campus. Since its launch, the station has been manned by six student volunteers with the guidance and direction of **DR. DAVID LEE '80**, professor of broadcasting.

“WSEU is unique in the Lakeland market because we will play music and talk that emphasizes the local community. We have many wonderful Christian stations in our market. However, they are not local. The key to our success is cultivating community that is unique to Lakeland. In addition, the radio station gives us a unique opportunity to promote SEU in the community and enhances our credibility as we continue to grow and mature as a university,” said Dr. Lee.

Dr. Lee, who attended SEU in 1979 and 1980, is able to incorporate over 30 years of broadcasting experience in more than 70 countries into helping develop this new station. He also worked with his father, **DAVID LEE SR. '59**, founder of International Media Ministries (IMM), in producing programs all over the world.


“I have served some of the most amazing and powerful leaders on earth. They taught me important lessons regarding how to lead people and how to treat those we lead with dignity and respect. No one responds well to negative criticism and fear. Effective leaders inspire and encourage people to achieve their goals. I apply these principles with students,” said Dr. Lee.

In the fall of 2014, when Dr. Lee was hired as a full-time professor, he was asked to organize the operational side of the radio station and get the station on air. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted them the license and the Media Services team at Southeastern installed the transmitter, the antenna, and all of the technical components. On October 30, 2014, WSEU signed on so that testing and operations could begin. Then, on March 26, 2015, Dr. Ingle officially launched WSEU and declared that WSEU was on the air.

This fall, they hope to have more students involved in the day-to-day operations and maintain on-air shifts. When the students are not in the radio studio, automation software keeps the music playing around the clock.

For the first time in Southeastern history, radio classes will be held where students can learn radio production and radio operations in the professional radio studio. This will give students the opportunity to learn how a radio station operates, how to produce programming for radio, and how to operate the automation software. Students will also gain experience as on-air announcers.

LAUREN MATHIS '15, marketing director of WSEU, assists Dr. Lee in making sure that the station runs smoothly and corrects any errors in the programming. She spends about two hours a week on air and helps coordinate students' schedules.

“Working for WSEU has been, without a doubt, truly one of the most amazing and rewarding experiences of my life. It's amazing to know that long after I'm gone WSEU will be there and I helped build something that is going to give students the training and experience they will need for their professional careers,” said Lauren. “Dr. Lee has trained and encouraged all of us to be the best at our jobs, which, in turn, has given us confidence in ourselves and what we can do.” 



(Top) Professor Lee at the WSEU control board. (Bottom) Lauren Mathis works on station programming for WSEU. Photographs courtesy of Scott Wheeler, *The Ledger*.

CAM ADVISORY BOARD

Southeastern University's College of Arts & Media established an advisory board to assist in advancing the mission of the college. Serving on the board are community friends and college personnel committed to Christ and a proven passion for the arts. The primary purposes of the board are to help frame the vision for the college, identify resources, and promote the college within our communities. On behalf of the faculty from the College of Arts & Media, thank you to our 2014-2015 Advisory Board.

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IF:College

GATHERING, EQUIPPING AND UNLEASHING

This fall, Southeastern will launch a new discipleship program on campus to help equip college women to live out the calling God has placed on their lives.

HILLARY DEMEO '06, director of leadership development, was selected to serve as the coach of the new program called IF:College, which is the collegiate portion and will model the national movement called IF:Gathering.

The IF:Gathering movement was founded by Jennie Allen to gather, equip and unleash the next generation of women to live out their purpose. Once a year, the IF:Gathering is held in Austin, Texas, for women from all over the world. It creates a space for women to come together and discuss honest questions about their faith. Only 2,000 tickets are

available for the gathering to create a more intimate setting. This year, the event was sold out in 17 seconds and more than one million people viewed the event online. Hillary was one of those women in attendance.

In 2012, Hillary was asked to be a part of the initial 50 ladies of the IF:Gathering. She was invited to the core group after establishing a relationship with Lindsey Nobles, the strategist for IF, through a relationship established through a coaching program initiated by Catalyst which she attended on behalf of Southeastern. For two years, Hillary was supportive of the movement and tried to find her place but wasn't clear where God was leading her in the movement.

"I have a passion for working with college students. It gives me life to see students come alive and find out who they really are. I have done that for the last eight years at the university. There was something burning in my heart about what I should do about this passion I had to see girls be equipped and grow into who God wants them to be," said Hillary.

Last November, while Hillary was on maternity leave, she put her passion of equipping young women to words in an email to Jennie Allen and Lindsey Nobles about the idea of reaching college age women and inviting them into this journey of the IF:Gathering. Jennie and Lindsey wrote back expressing that they loved the idea and they had been praying about starting IF:College.



Alumni Highlight

Hillary has served in various roles on campus. She worked as the dean of student experience for three years before transitioning into her new role as director of leadership development. Her husband **JASON '06, '10 MAML**, is the director of spiritual formation at Oasis Church in Lakeland, FL. Both Hillary and Jason are also adjunct professors at Southeastern. The couple welcomed their first child, Eliana, this past October.

"I saw my passion for college students collide with my passion for empowering women. I didn't have this grand strategy or plan. I loved what IF was about and I love college girls. I wanted these two worlds to come together," said Hillary.

In February during the most recent IF:Gathering, Hillary had the opportunity to be interviewed with Bob Goff, author of *Love Does*, on the topic of twenty somethings and how to invite this age group into the conversation of "If God is real, then what?"

Hillary put the idea of starting IF:College into action earlier this year by inviting a group of women, both students and staff, to an interest group. She also developed a leaders' guide to train other universities

and churches on how to begin IF:College in their communities.

"We are always looking for women to look up to. This gives us the opportunity to have students connect with the staff and faculty



leaders and helps us to see other women on campus as being for one another and live in a healthier community," said Hillary.

IF:College will encourage young women through peer-to-peer conversations.

Student leaders will invite small groups of women to join them once a month to discuss four questions around the table. The idea is that everyone is welcome and that space is created for ladies to belong in the community. The student leaders are paired with faculty and staff who will serve as their guides, providing guidance and direction based on their life experiences.

The group will also host monthly events for all women on campus to gather in a large group setting with guest speakers to discuss different topics, such as identity, relationships, and empowering women. In addition, IF:College will be organizing a women's emphasis week to invite female speakers to share their stories of what it means to live a life of influence. ➔

Meet Southeastern's **NEW DEANS**



DR. ERICA SIRRINE

Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Dr. Erica Sirrine started at Southeastern in 2014. Prior to joining SEU, Dr. Sirrine was the Social Work Program Director at Warner University where she led the program through accreditation with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and was recognized as the 2011 professor of the year.

Dr. Sirrine brings over 14 years of clinical social work experience and has intervened with clients experiencing a variety of complex conditions including HIV/AIDS, terminal illness, fetal demise, pediatric death, child abuse/neglect, and grief. She was selected as the 2013 social worker of the year by the Heartland Unit of the Florida Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Dr. Sirrine specializes in providing group and individual therapy to bereaved children, adolescents, adults and families.

Prior to entering academia, she worked as the clinical manager of the Bethany Center of Good Shepherd Hospice. She now volunteers at the center as a grief support group facilitator and serves as a cabin leader at Camp Brave Heart, an annual weekend retreat for grieving children.

Dr. Sirrine is passionate about educating mental health practitioners on childhood bereavement and was recently selected to provide one-day workshops of this kind throughout the United States. This year, she trained practitioners in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Maryland and Virginia and is scheduled to speak in Pennsylvania this fall.



DR. AMY BRATTEN

Interim Dean of the College of Education

Dr. Bratten began her teaching career in the Polk County School District (PCSD) in 2000 and has taught language arts, intensive reading, and ESOL classes. Alongside her teaching in secondary schools, Dr. Bratten has also had experience in post-secondary education, teaching adult ESOL classes at Valencia Community College and education classes at the University of South Florida. She has also conducted guest lectures on ESOL at Florida Southern College and Walt Disney World, where she worked with employees whose native language is not English.

Dr. Bratten's research interests are the efficacy of ESOL teacher training programs, specifically Florida's ESOL teacher training module, and best practices of effective professional development. In addition to her work as a classroom teacher, Dr. Bratten has served as a dance team coach, cheerleading coach, department chair, teacher trainer, cooperative learning trainer, and ESOL coordinator at four schools in PCSD. She has also served as a teacher resource specialist trainer at the District Office ESOL Department.



DR. LYLE BOWLIN

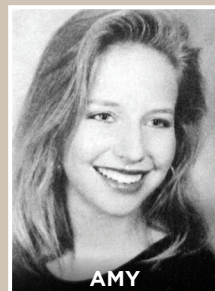
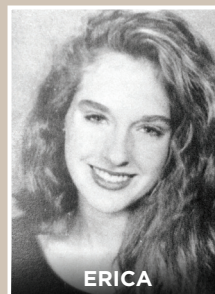
Interim Dean of the College of Business and Legal Studies

Dr. Lyle Bowlin just completed his 13th year at Southeastern University. He was hired in 2002 to start the finance major. In 2004, he became the chair of the business department when SEU was still Southeastern College. Dr. Bowlin was asked to serve as the founding dean of the College of Business & Legal Studies in 2005, when Southeastern became Southeastern University. In February 2008, he was selected to serve as the vice president for academic affairs and then went back to faculty in the summer of 2010. In the fall of 2011, he became the chair of the department of business administration.

Prior to coming to Southeastern University, he served for 15 years at the University of Northern Iowa. During Dr. Bowlin's time at Northern Iowa, he was a finance professor, director of a Small Business Development Center and an assistant director of the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. He also built and ran an online bookstore from 1995 – 1999 and hosted a weekly radio program, "In Business Tomorrow."



Prior to serving as deans at Southeastern, Dr. Amy Bratten and Dr. Erica Sirrine were both taught by **ANITA HAMILTON '76**, adjunct professor at Southeastern, when they were in high school. Anita taught both deans in her English Honors IV class in 1994 at Winter Haven High School in Winter Haven, FL.



"Both were serious about their education and graduated with high honors from high school. One of my fondest memories of them was how much fun they had in acting out *The Canterbury Tales* in front of my class; they wore medieval costumes to enliven the storytelling. Also,

Dr. Bratten was a vibrant cheerleader throughout high school, and Dr. Sirrine was active in drama class and stage performance," said Anita. "The intelligence and energy of both will be assets when serving in their new roles as deans at Southeastern University."

Anita discovered her love for teaching while she was a student at Southeastern and returned in 2013 as an adjunct

professor and supervisor of interns in the College of Education. She retired from being a public school teacher the same year.

"Her passion for teaching, dedication to positively impacting the lives of students, commitment to excellence, and gift for serving and loving others continues to inspire me daily! She was definitely the most influential teacher I had in high school. Ms. Hamilton continues to be one of my greatest mentors and she personifies the best qualities of SEU," said Dr. Sirrine.

In addition to serving at Southeastern, Anita spends the majority of her time volunteering any way that she can. She is a member of the Lakeland Police Academy and volunteers at various city functions, such as Sun 'N Fun, Downtown Lakeland Sidewalk Chalk Art competitions, honoring police during Police Appreciation Week, and many more. She is also active in her church and is on the visitation team where she visits local nursing homes. Anita also volunteers at Lakeland Regional Health supporting staff, nurses and doctors in the Surgical Waiting Area and in the Ambulatory Surgical Care Unit.

"Everything I do is 'as unto the Lord' in showing His love in all venues. As an alumna of SEU, I am always promoting the college in word, deed and heart. I love this time of life when I can give back to the university, community and my church in a sincere way by honoring God in all things," said Anita.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After losing six of seven games in late January into early February, things looked bleak for the Fire. However, they were able to bounce back and close the regular season with three straight victories, including a 94-85 win over Webber International at home to secure a spot in The Sun Conference playoffs. A dominant 86-64 win over Thomas sent the squad to Daytona Beach for the semifinals where they came away with an 80-76 overtime win over St. Thomas. In the championship game, the Fire held a 14-point lead over the NAIA's

#2 ranked team, Embry-Riddle, with 13:53 left in the contest. Despite a game-high 38 points from Andre Winston, they ultimately were beaten, 90-86 in overtime. Winston was named NAIA Second Team All-American after averaging 22.3 points per game for the Fire (18-12).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

When the calendar flipped to 2015, everything seemed to click for the Fire women's basketball team. They went an impressive 18-2 in the 2015 portion of the regular season schedule and finished

in second place in The Sun Conference. Their Sun Conference Tournament run ended prematurely with a heartbreaking 60-59 loss to Ave Maria, but a second chance was given when the Fire earned a berth in the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, the first-ever for the program. The Fire took on eighth-ranked Tennessee Wesleyan in the first round, and held an eight-point lead with 12:46 left in the first half, but ended up on the wrong end of a 62-45 contest, ending their season at 25-7. Sophomore guard Alyssa Ramos was named Honorable Mention



NAIA All-American, and junior Carlie Newman was named First Team All-Sun Conference.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Fire men's tennis team enjoyed a record-setting season in 2015, going 12-4 and setting a new program record for wins in a season. This included picking up a win over a Top 25 team for the first time, recording an impressive 7-2 win over Webber International. Another highlight included the #1 Doubles team of David Veliz and Gelawdiyos Haile rallying back from

1-6 against the top-ranked NAIA doubles team of Embry-Riddle to win a thrilling 9-7 match to give the tandem their first loss to an NAIA opponent of the season. Veliz and Haile were named The Sun Conference Doubles Team of the Year, and each earned All-Conference honors. The team qualified for The Sun Conference Tournament for the first time in program history, but fell to St. Thomas 5-3. Additionally, Veliz was named an NAIA First Team All-American, and Gelawdiyos Haile was named honorable mention.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Fire women's tennis team was ranked in the NAIA Coaches' Top 25 Poll all season and finished the year ranked 24th. Southeastern finished its season 12-5 and earned its first win in The Sun Conference Tournament, knocking off St. Thomas 5-4. Of the five losses, four were to teams ranked in the top 15 in the NAIA. For his efforts, Coach Bill May was named the conference Coach of the Year after setting a program-high for wins in a season. Junior Alexis Quinn was named



First Team All-Sun Conference and was the league's Champion of Character for a second year in a row. She was also named an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American. Kelsi Black and Emily Acierno each earned Second Team All-Conference honors.

BASEBALL

After many ups and downs during the 2015 season, the Fire baseball team went 2-2 during The Sun Conference Tournament. However, they did just enough to impress the national tournament selection committee and earned the final at-large berth in the NAIA National Tournament. The Fire traveled to Daytona Beach for the opening round but lost their first two games to Rio Grande and Bryan to end the season at 38-21. First baseman Willi Martin led the team in offense, hitting .355 with 23 doubles and 16 home runs, earning First Team All-Sun Conference honors. Pitcher Clay Rideout earned Second Team honors, going 8-3 with an ERA of 3.04.

SOFTBALL

The Fire softball team became the first team in school history to win a Sun Conference regular season title, going 14-1 in league play. Coach Anna Welsh was named Co-Coach of the Year for the conference. Sophomore Cat Maldonado was named the Sun Conference Player of the Year after hitting .395 with 13 doubles and 16 home runs. She also went 12-3 with a 2.73 ERA as a pitcher. The Fire earned an at-large berth in the NAIA National Tournament, playing in the Columbia, Kentucky, bracket. The Fire defeated Marian University 8-5 in their first game before falling to host Lindsey Wilson, then St. Francis in an elimination game.

MEN'S GOLF

After a rough fall and a slow start to the spring season, the Fire had a strong showing at the Embry-Riddle (Ariz.) Invitational with a third place finish with their best team scores of the year. Southeastern finished just five shots

off the lead after a second round score of 282. Individually, senior Frederic Thiriez had consecutive rounds of four-under par 68 to earn medalist honors. The Fire went on to finish fourth at The Sun Conference Championship with senior J.D. Cobb finishing in sixth place with two rounds of even-par 72 with a 75.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The second year of women's golf at Southeastern saw the Fire win two invitational championships, claiming honors at the Warner Invitational, highlighted by Cecilia Lamton's hole-in-one, and the Tennessee Wesleyan Invitational. For a second year in a row, Andrea Lopez earned medalist honors at the Tennessee Wesleyan Invitational with two rounds of four-over par 76. At The Sun Conference Championship, the Fire struggled, carding rounds of 331-339-339.





2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 29, 2015	University of Faith	Clearwater Central Catholic High, FL	1:00 pm
Sep 5, 2015	Faulkner University	Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm
Sep 12, 2015	Warner University	Lakeland Christian Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm
Sep 19, 2015	Concordia (Ala.)	Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm
Oct 3, 2015	Edward Waters College	Jacksonville, FL	7:00 pm
Oct 10, 2015	Virginia University-Lynchburg	Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm
Oct 17, 2015	Ave Maria University	Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm
Oct 24, 2015	Point University	Valley, AL	1:00 pm
Oct 31, 2015	Webber International University	Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm
Nov 7, 2015	Benedict College	Columbia, SC	2:00 pm
Nov 14, 2015	Central International University	Lakeland, FL	7:00 pm

AT
HOME WITH
**BRYAN
DUNCAN**



Recently, *Southeastern* had the opportunity to spend a day with recording artist and alum, **BRYAN DUNCAN '71**. Sitting down for lunch at Bryan's favorite burger joint (a place that would make Guy Fieri jealous), in beautiful sun-kissed Southern California, the authentic genuineness of this musician was evident. Moving from lunch to the back porch of Bryan's home, in time to catch the last glimmer of majestic light that shone so brilliantly at lunch, *Southeastern* got to hear from the heart of an SEU alum from the very spot where much of his music is written.

Do what we did. Grab a refreshing glass of iced tea and enjoy being "At Home, with Bryan Duncan."

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Bryan got his start as a pastor's kid who moved all over the country. Born in Utah, their family moved to the state of Washington before relocating to the Charlotte area of North Carolina. Bryan reminisces, "I used to practice when the church was empty and dream about singing to crowds of a thousand plus. Those times were impressionable in my life."

Another thing that was impressionable to Bryan was his time spent at then SEBC (South-Eastern Bible College). Memories began quickly flooding his mind as he began to share, "It is where it all began – it was my time at Southeastern when it really all started." In 1971 he

started a band with the then "edgy" name, Second Timothy with none other than **STEVEN STRADER '77**. "Steve had an old beer truck that we repainted and used to begin playing and singing to anyone in Lakeland who would listen," he recalls.

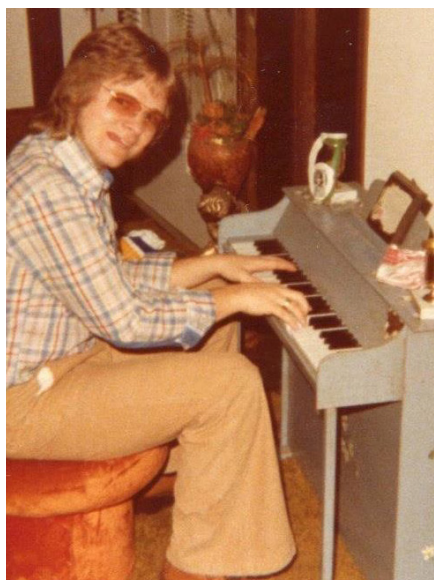
"I remember standing on a picnic table at Freedom Park in Lakeland. I would play my guitar and the drummer kept us in rhythm as we would play and speak to anyone that would stop to listen. It never crossed my mind that people wouldn't like what I had to say."

While at Southeastern Bryan was afforded the opportunity to sing in a group called New Sounds of Creation, led by

someone he still calls a dear friend, **JIM CAMPBELL '69**. Founder and CEO of Radio Training Network, Jim recalls, "Bryan was one of a kind." Laughing he remembers, "I would tell him, 'Bryan, turn that guitar down!' The next thing you knew it was louder because he would just turn it up."

Music wasn't the only thing that Bryan enjoyed at Southeastern. Two classes in particular helped shape him into the man he is today. "New Testament Survey helped me to solidify my faith and understand more deeply 'why' I believe 'what' I believe." Bryan proceeds, "My absolute favorite class was philosophy which was taught by Dr. Eugene Pansler. This class not only impacted my life, but it had a direct impact on how I write music." He continues to explain that the theories learned from Pansler would be the stage on which his career would stand, both figuratively and literally.

"You can have your convictions, but you must also have an awareness of 'what' and 'how' other people think." He explains, "We are all in the people business in one way or another and this helped me to personally understand people better." When asked if there was something in particular that stood out to Bryan about Pansler, he had a quick and easy response. "I remember him saying, 'a wise and timely word can be better than an entire sermon,' and Pansler was great at that!"



LIFE IS A PATH - NOT A PARKING LOT

After leaving Southeastern, Bryan still had some lessons to learn. One lesson he remembers all too fondly is the fact that "if you wait for an invitation, you won't go anywhere – you have to dig in and make things happen." It has been this strong work ethic that has driven him in a difficult and ever-changing industry.

In 1973 Bryan's Contemporary Christian Music career launched when Sweet Comfort Band was formed during the Southern California Jesus Movement and continued touring until 1984. According to their self-titled website, "Sweet Comfort Band compositions are known for an eclectic mixture of rock, funk, soul, and jazz." Their "undeniable musicianship" has helped this group to survive decades with a loyal fan base.

Because of his tenacity and the Lord blessing his talents, Bryan has enjoyed tremendous success releasing 25 projects: seven with Sweet Comfort Band, three as Bryan Duncan and the NehoSoul Band, and an additional 15 solo projects. Over the course of his career, Bryan has had 17 #1 singles, has sold in excess of 1.2 million records and videos, has been inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame along with Amy Grant and Al Green, and has had his work celebrated with four Dove awards and one Grammy award. He has released three books entitled: *Hogwash*, *Dear God...Really*, and *Spoke to God. He Said...* . With all this under his belt, Bryan refuses to sit still and continues to move forward.

Bryan recorded three albums as Bryan Duncan and the NehoSoul Band. The band featured Phil Curry, Walter Finch, Samuel Mathews and Ricky B. Rogers, musicians with a wide range of influence spanning each of their careers. They collaborated with Bryan to create timeless music. Their three albums include one recorded live at Music City and a particular favorite being their Christmas album.

It is not surprising that Bryan's tremendous love for social media would not, in some way, influence his work. His latest album, *Conversations*, stems from him being a self-described "conversationalist and external processor." His passion of communicating with people all over the world, whether through social media, his website, or riding his custom Harley

Davidson, is evidenced in his songs and books. On this album much of his inspiration comes from his beloved wife, Cassie, who he credits on the inside jacket of *Conversations*.

Bryan shared about writing a love song dedicated to his wife while sitting on their back porch. It is evident that his dedicated love of his wife stems from the love of his personal relationship with God. Bryan's encouraging song, *Every Father Is a Son*, shares the wisdom of a father walking through life with his son and the strong bonds that unite them.

One unique fact on the album *Conversations* is that SEU alum and International Trumpet Guild winner **PHILIP LASSITER '98** arranged and played the horns for the song *You Make Me Love You*. If you would like to see videos of Bryan or hear his latest album *Conversations*, visit SoGoodForTheSoul.com.

Bryan's career, which has spanned over 40 years, still continues strong today. He's putting the finishing touches on a new 15-song live album called *The Live Experience* and he is writing and arranging songs for a new studio album.

Campbell, who is no slouch when it comes to knowing incredible musicians, states, "Bryan Duncan is one of the most talented, gifted people I have ever met."



For professional musicians, especially singers, their voice is critical to their success. "Bryan has been at this many years, and his tones are as clear and concise as ever. He is still one great singer."

LEAD PAST YOU

In looking toward the future, Bryan notes, "It is critical that you stay vibrant and plugged in. There tends to be a natural decline in one's vocation – you don't see that when you are young and standing on a picnic table in a public park singing to the homeless and anyone else who would gather to listen." Bryan's passion was evident when speaking about college students and young alumni. "It is vitally important that we mentor the future generations."

In a recent concert in Lakeland, Bryan visited the campus of Southeastern. After

realizing he didn't make a wrong turn, he stood on this gorgeous campus, proud of his alma mater. "I walked the campus and saw the new football stadium and the additional construction and was excited to see that the future is so bright." He continues, "More than just a beautiful campus, Southeastern is raising up leaders for the next generation. We must lead beyond our current position and toward the future." After a momentary pause he proudly states, "Southeastern does this exceptionally well."

Bryan ends the evening with a challenge to "know God, personally, and intimately, allowing Him to redefine you. That, my friend, is the hardest work you will ever do – it is also the most rewarding."

In thinking back to his childhood, he reminisces, "My dad greatly impacted the lives of many from his ministry behind the pulpit. But one of the greatest impacts he had was on me – an impact that he never fully had the chance to see." He continues, "Think about it. I believe that is God's way of compounding interest. Though my dad never had the chance to see all that I've done, I believe, even in heaven, he shares in all the rewards from the fruit of my ministry. Likewise, I may never get to meet all the people that my songs have touched, but I pray that God uses them and compounds their effect so that lives are changed for generations to come."





Young Entrepreneur **INVESTS** in Namibia

After graduation, **ESTERLINE VIELOT-ELANUS '14** packed up her bags and moved halfway across the world to join the Peace Corps. Her country of placement was chosen for her by the Peace Corps based on her past volunteering and work experiences. She was selected to serve in the northeast region of Namibia, Africa. Her first two months on the ground involved extensive training in the culture, language and policies of the country.

In September of 2014, after the completion of her training, she was sworn in as a Peace Corps volunteer. The Peace Corps is a government organization that sends volunteers around the world to help other countries with their most pressing needs.

“A career in humanitarian efforts and international economic development was always something that interested me, which inspired me to apply for the Peace Corps. To me, the Peace Corps was the best next step after college in pursuing a career in international aid,” said Esterline.

With a double business degree in international business and business management, she was given the opportunity to serve as a community economic development volunteer, often dubbed as a business volunteer. Her main project is co-teaching entrepreneurship at a vocational training center. She is expected to finish her service in September of 2016.

Every month, Esterline conducts financial literacy and basic business

skills workshops in surrounding villages. She hopes to have conducted ten business workshops by the end of her service in the Peace Corps. She also serves as a business consultant along with other volunteers.

“In the future, I would like to start a business club with neighboring vocational training centers, and hopefully, I would like to be a part of, or help plan, a mentorship/career club at the local secondary school,” she said.

As a volunteer, she is encouraged to get involved with secondary projects, especially with the awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS. Alongside her main project, she is also involved with Elephant Energy, providing solar-powered lamps to villages, as she helps the regional sales manager with marketing and sales. Her daily routine includes teaching entrepreneurship during the day and working on secondary projects in her free time.

“There are many challenges and rewards to this work, many exhausting days, and I am sure, many sleepless nights ahead of me, but I cannot imagine myself doing anything different during this chapter of my life. I am blessed to be here and to be given this opportunity to serve people,” said Esterline.

After Esterline finishes her term in the Peace Corps, she plans on returning to the United States to pursue her master's degree and continue to build her career path. ➡



FOSTERING A BETTER TOMORROW

AG churches take a leading national role in the foster care crisis

When Jay Mooney and Bill Hancock graduated from Southeastern University, the classmates had no indication of the strategic partnership they would form two decades later, launching the first-ever nationwide Assemblies of God initiative in the area of foster care.

As students at Southeastern University in the late 1980s, **JAY MOONEY '88** and **BILL HANCOCK '87** were actively involved on campus, one in student government and the other as president of the student missions board. Naturally, their paths as student leaders crossed often, whether helping to organize campus events or attending class and chapel. And though they went their separate ways following graduation, eventually losing contact, a foundation had been laid for the important partnership they would form two decades later.

Jay, along with his wife, Laura, served in student ministry for nearly three decades following his time at Southeastern, with four years spent as the district youth director for the Georgia District and seven years as the director for the Assemblies of God National Youth Ministries. He then transitioned in 2012 to the position of executive director for COMPACT Family Services in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

“The transition was not an abandonment of love for students and youth leaders,” Jay said. “God was simply shifting the placement of our hand upon the stem of the umbrella known as the Assemblies of God National Youth Ministries.”

In his new role, he was challenged by Assemblies of God General Superintendent George Wood and General Treasurer Douglas Clay to

research what more could be done to help improve the nationwide foster care crisis. On average, more than 400,000 children are served annually by the U.S. foster care system, with one-third living in as many as three different homes per year due to burned-out foster families and inadequate support.

Since 1996, ministries housed under the COMPACT umbrella — Hillcrest Children's Home, Highlands Maternity Home and Transitional Living Center — have served 3,000 children. And though Jay recognizes the organization's positive impact, he believes the key to improving child welfare is not necessarily in opening more campuses like COMPACT's but rather in educating and equipping AG congregations around the nation to minister to foster children.



“These kids don’t need more orphanages — they need Christian mothers and fathers,” said Jay, who is confident the problem can be tackled if enough individual families respond to the needs of children in their communities.

Looking to take a step toward improving the situation, Jay reached out in 2012 to Bill, someone many believed could help make the AG’s national foster care initiative a possibility.

“I’ve been pursuing the transformation of the U.S. foster care system for the past 30 years,” said Bill, who offers decades of experience working in church-based foster care and family restoration and shares the AG’s vision for child welfare reform.

Homeless himself as a teenager, Bill discovered his passion for working with abandoned, neglected and abused children while as a student at Southeastern. Having been hired to serve alongside his wife, **ELAINE (FORRESTER) ’87**, at a local children’s home shortly after

arriving in Lakeland, Florida, Bill still vividly recalls the first night a child was left in their care. The distraught six-year-old was dropped off unceremoniously, and trying to calm her, he strummed worship songs on a guitar.

“It just overwhelmed me that our best offering was an institution being run like an institution. We kept realizing there had to be a better way,” Bill said.

His answer was FaithBridge Foster Care, an organization he founded in 2006 in Alpharetta, Georgia. FaithBridge works to equip those serving in foster care by providing them with professional services and volunteer support, all through the local church — a ministry model known as the Community of Care™. Whether it be tutoring, transportation, mentoring or other assistance, foster care families are provided with support when they need it, resulting in the organization’s 96-percent foster family retention rate.

“We don’t see ourselves responding as a child welfare agency,” Bill said. “We

see ourselves responding as a mission-sending agency.”

For Jay and the COMPACT team, this was an answer to prayer. “They have the systems; we have the people,” Jay said. “It can be a great shared responsibility.”

In 2012, COMPACT and FaithBridge joined efforts to empower Christians and congregations across the nation to meet the pressing needs of the foster care system. Their aim is to care for approximately 3 percent of the annual modern orphan need, or 12,800 children, in the U.S. by 2020. With over 12,600 churches and approximately 3 million members in the AG, there is no shortage of potential foster families.

The church’s desire to turn around the state of child welfare was, and still is, evident. According to a 2013 national survey completed by 1,597 individuals affiliated with the AG, 47 percent of the 705 senior pastors who responded indicated they would be willing to make




(Opposite) Jay playing basketball with the foster children (Top) Left, Jay Mooney; Right, Bill Hancock (Bottom) Left, Jay and Bill in Washington, D.C.; Right, Bill's three biological and three foster children — equaling ONE great family

foster care a top three priority at their churches in the near future.

“Not only do we have the human resources in the people who are part of the church, but by nature, we are a healing community where broken and wounded families who fail to thrive should come to find restoration. We are uniquely qualified to provide a solution to the national foster care crisis,” Bill said.

Since partnering with FaithBridge, COMPACT has already doubled its ministry reach and plans to leverage its services to other states in the future.

“To do what we’re talking about doing — implementing our foster care initiative across the nation — we’re not talking about something that will happen in five years or even 10,” Jay said. “It will probably take a lifetime to accomplish. What we’re attempting to do has never been done before. Except for the government, there’s no secular or religious child welfare agency that operates in all 50 states. We’re working to empower the church to reach these broken families.”

To learn more about COMPACT and FaithBridge, as well as how to get involved, visit compactfamilyservices.org and/or faithbridgefostercare.org. 

SEU ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOSTER CARE STUDENTS

Several years ago the Glenn S. Kraiss Endowed Scholarship Fund was established at Southeastern to assist students with a significant need due to the absence of parental support in their lives and those who have been in the foster care system. If you are interested in helping to meet this critical need, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@seu.edu or 863.667.5020.



SEU COUPLE REVITALIZE CHURCH IN HARLEM

TAYLOR '13 and **KRISTEN (COOK) WILKERSON '12** sat in a quaint restaurant across the street from Trinity Church Miami to discuss a new ministry opportunity for them. Taylor's parents, Rich and Robyn Wilkerson, senior pastors of Trinity Miami, began to share the need of revitalizing and re-launching Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Harlem, a once-prominent Assemblies of God church, through a partnership with Trinity Miami.

"At first, we were very hesitant. Our hearts were set on missions and serving others overseas. But we began to pray

about Harlem, where the church was located. After a few days of praying, I knew without a doubt that we were called to Harlem. Taylor continued to pray, not fully convinced," said Kristen. "One night he sat down at his computer and Google map searched the location of the building. Immediately across the street from the church, he found one of the largest project communities in all of Harlem. At that moment, he knew God was calling us there."

With Taylor in the midst of graduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, the Wilkersons moved to

Harlem on January 9, 2015, three months after they were married. One of their biggest challenges is renovating and repairing the storefront building in Harlem that the church purchased five years ago.

"When we arrived at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, there were only seven regular attendees. One couple has been a part of Glad Tidings for 45 years. These members have accepted us with open arms, ready to see their church full of hearts reaching out to God once again," said Kristen.



Glad Tidings Tabernacle was started in 1907 by Marie Burgess Brown, who was a part of the Azusa Street Revival. The church prospered for many years and was once the AG's top world missions-giving church, until the church suffered from serious difficulties. The seven attendees had been meeting in the church building in Harlem with an interim pastor.

Soon after the Wilkersons arrived in Harlem, the temporary certificate of occupancy expired due to renovation needs and the church started meeting in their apartment. In efforts to rejuvenate the church, the couple has been working on building a core launch team, which now numbers 65 people. They have held three interest meetings and five team nights over the past two months with plans to launch the church this upcoming fall.

“Our vision is to see the lost found, the poor sustained and thriving, and a community dedicated to a life in the teachings and person of Jesus Christ.”

“We are overwhelmed by the goodness of God as we begin our journey in Harlem. It all begins with community. From the start, it was essential for us to live in the same area we would be doing ministry. We have been amazed at the opportunities to connect with individuals and families in our city, some in need of basic living necessities, others starting brand new businesses,” said Kristen.

They have also spent time establishing relationships with their community by spending time in the project playgrounds on Saturdays. They play basketball, provide games and activities, and hand out Gatorade as they get to know the families in the area. This June, they held Heart for Harlem Hope Jam, an event where they provided medical and dental exams, free haircuts, and groceries, while hosting a basketball tournament and fun activities for children.

“Our vision is to see the lost found, the poor sustained and thriving, and a community dedicated to a life in the teachings and person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our message and people are our heart,” said Kristen. “We moved into Harlem ready to change the world. Little did we know that Harlem would totally change us.”



Tez Brooks: **USING FILM TO REACH THE NATIONS**

Filmmaker, producer, and author Tez Brooks is using digital media to break down barriers to reach the unevangelized

Early into his college years, **TEZ (TERRY) BROOKS '86** discovered his passion for missions and creative arts. Originally from Michigan, he relocated to Florida and enrolled at Southeastern College as a missions major. Tez got involved as a performer and director of Lighthouse Productions (SEC's theatrical department). After college he continued to cultivate his passion for both as an AG youth pastor, children's pastor and a minister of creative arts at various churches. He also worked with companies such as Universal Studios and Disney doing bit parts, commercials, print work and voice-overs.

Tez even had opportunity to go on a short tour with Bill and Gloria Gaither for their musical *Alleluia* with Larnelle

Harris, Mylon LeFevre and Phil Driscoll. He played the role of Jesus one year and served the following year as a theatrical director for the same musical.

After 10 years of marriage and two children, an unexpected divorce set his life in a new direction. Tez left the ministry to recover, going to the police academy and becoming a law enforcement officer for the State of Florida.

It was nearly seven years later and almost a year into his second marriage when he visited Cru headquarters—formerly Campus Crusade for Christ—in Orlando, FL.

“I was taking the *JESUS* film tour and began to weep as I saw how the movie

was being used to help lead hundreds of thousands over the decades, to place their faith in Christ. It was even being used to jumpstart new church plants. The Lord began to work in my heart to leave my law enforcement career and return to full-time Christian service,” said Tez.

So in 2002, Tez joined The JESUS Film Project®, a ministry of Cru. Tez and his wife, Christine, began leading short-term mission trips showing the *JESUS* film in jungles and many other hard-to-reach places. They also lived for a few years in Australia, developing evangelistic tools for use on university campuses Down Under.

Tez currently serves Cru as a filmmaker and producer for new films that often



complement the 1979 classic *JESUS* film, the most translated film in history, dubbed into over 1,300 languages. He spends his day writing short films that are used around the globe. The intent of these films is to spark spiritual conversations with unbelievers. Meanwhile, Christine homeschools their daughters and ministers to the other wives at Cru.

“Over the last few years the ministry has gone digital. This means all our films are available on portable devices in places we could never get to. Essentially, we’re breaking down barriers so we can reach unevangelized people groups. Now they can learn about Jesus no matter where they live, even in countries that are opposed to the gospel. It’s exciting to hear new stories pour in from around the


globe of how Christ is bringing every nation, tribe, and people to him. And I get to be a part of that,” said Tez.

“We are trying to reach media-sophisticated urban dwellers. Many times these groups are Millennials. It’s important we stay on the cutting edge with innovative and creative ways to reach this generation. They are on their mobile devices, so we need to be there too,” he said.

In addition to his missions work, Tez is also a published author, including *Imagine Australia* and *Somewhere in the Journey*. His most recent book, *The Single Dad Detour* (Kregel 2015), encourages single dads through that difficult journey. Since its release earlier this year, he has been

a guest on more than 20 different radio programs to discuss the topic.

“The Lord moved on my heart to write a book for single dads because there wasn’t much out there with a Christian worldview. I’m astounded how God is using it to encourage and challenge single fathers. It’s very humbling to see what God is doing,” said Tez.

“We absolutely love what we do, connecting people to Jesus using films. It’s been a long journey, but the Lord brought me full circle back to the training and preparation I had at SEU. I love what I do helping spread the gospel around the world using my creativity. We’d eventually like to live overseas again. I don’t ever want to retire,” said Tez. 



The Southeastern University Legacy Society:

ARE YOU A FOUNDING MEMBER?

Many of you reading this article belong to a very special club, yet almost none of you realize it. And that is probably to be expected – membership in this club is still very new, although the idea behind it has been around forever.

Recently, Southeastern University established the ***Southeastern University Legacy Society*** to identify and honor individuals who have chosen to share in Southeastern's future through their charitable planned giving and estate gifts. Another goal in forming this Legacy Society was to recognize the importance of legacy giving in furthering the mission of Southeastern University, which we hope will serve to encourage other alumni and friends to

consider including Southeastern in their estate planning.

With the creation of the Legacy Society, the university has also developed plans to place a **Legacy Society Donor Wall** in the new Administration Building, which is currently part of our Phase II construction. Members of the Legacy Society will receive other benefits as well, including:

- An annual Legacy dinner invitation
- Invitations to other special events throughout the year
- A commemorative paperweight
- The Legacy Society newsletter
- An annual President's Report

Now comes the challenging part – identifying our alumni and friends who have already made plans to leave a legacy gift as part of their estate plan. Although we feel certain that there are hundreds of Southeastern alumni who have included the school in their estate plan, we do not know who most of those legacy donors are. Many times we only receive notification of a planned gift upon that person's death. There has been no special giving club, and no concerted effort has been made to find these legacy donors and acknowledge their gifts – until now. With the creation of the ***Southeastern University Legacy Society***, we hope to identify those alumni and friends who plan on leaving a legacy gift to Southeastern. First, we would like to

thank each one personally and include them in the Legacy Society donor wall. Secondly, this knowledge will also allow us to better plan for the university's future, particularly in the area of student scholarships and expanded programs. The goal of the Office of University Advancement is to identify these alumni and friends over the next few months so that the donor wall can be designed and in place by the end of this next academic year.

Additionally, our goal for the future of the Legacy Society and Southeastern's planned giving office is to provide our community with information that can help them make educated decisions for their families and for their retirement, while still leaving a heritage for the future. Much of this information will come through Legacy Society newsletters and educational seminars to be held across the country over the next several months.

Alarmingly, statistics show that only 51% of Americans between the ages of 55-64 have a will or trust in place. An even more startling statistic is that only 38% of Americans between the ages of 45-54, and only 33% of all women have a will or estate plan. Most say they do not have a will because they "haven't gotten around to it yet." Others say they have not made a plan because they don't believe they have enough assets to worry about.

“ “ **God owns everything and we are but stewards of his property during the brief time we are here on earth.** ” ”

—Billy Graham

However, most people who leave a legacy gift are not wealthy by the world's standards. They may be the retired teacher who goes to your church or the guy who works on your car when it needs repair. The difference between those who leave an inheritance for the future and those who do not may be, in part, due to proper planning. Things as simple as purchasing a life insurance policy naming your favorite charity as the beneficiary can impact the inheritance you leave. Those who consider the best ways to pass along the assets they have accumulated in life – in cash, property, life insurance or a retirement account – can not only provide for their families, but may also be an ongoing blessing to their school, church, or other charitable organization.

There are several ways to give that require very little investment and that also provide an income to your children

and grandchildren. Some of the ways to leave a legacy gift are:

- Naming Southeastern University as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, an IRA, or your retirement plan
- Leaving a bequest through your will or living trust
- Setting up a charitable income plan, such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust, where Southeastern receives a portion of your estate before or after your heirs have been provided for
- Establishing an endowment or scholarship as part of an estate plan
- Donating a gift of property as part of your estate plan

If you have already made preparations to include Southeastern University in your estate plan, we would appreciate you sharing that information with us so that we can add your name to our Legacy Society and include you in all the benefits that membership affords. Your information will be kept totally confidential at all times. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to Southeastern University's Advancement Office.

If you have not yet completed your estate planning, but would like more information about retirement and estate planning, you may also request more information using this form.



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ROAD TRIP RECEPTIONS



(Top) Charleston, SC, (Middle) Indianapolis, IN and (Bottom) Dallas, TX

This year the Alumni Road Trip took us to Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina and Texas. Take a look through these photos and see who you recognize!

Look for additional Road Trips in a city near you next Spring.



COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations to the
graduating Class of 2015!





❶ President Ingle presented Steve Scruggs, president of the Lakeland Economic Development Council, with the President's Award to recognize Scruggs for his dedication to advancing the economy and creating jobs in the Lakeland urban area for over 27 years.

❷ Dr. Sheila Prabhakar Abraham was presented with the Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award. Dr. Abraham is an associate professor of biology and was recognized for her commitment to excellence and dedication to her students. She has worked with students to develop undergraduate independent research projects that are resulting in their manuscripts being published in peer-reviewed science journals – a first for the university.

❸ Hannah Flores received the Southeastern University Award. Hannah has applied for a research assistant position with the National Institute of Health and eventually plans to attend medical school. While a student, she conducted two academic field studies at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in both the department of Infection Prevention and the Microbiology Lab.

❹ Kimber Stepp received the Servant Leadership Award. As a student at Southeastern, Kimber served as the local outreach coordinator. She helped start Charge, a local children's outreach in Lakeland, and continued to serve faithfully in the ministry for the past three years. Along with Charge, she also coordinated SEU outreaches with the Dream Center of Lakeland.



Southeastern celebrated their 78th graduation ceremony with the university's largest undergraduate class. The commencement speaker was Rev. Roger Archer, pastor of Puyallup Foursquare Church in Puyallup, WA. During the ceremony, Roger also received his master's of arts in ministerial leadership. The student speaker was student body president of two years, Luke Shemeth.

View the ceremony online at <http://tinyurl.com/seugrad>



As the audience erupted with a standing ovation and many tears flowing, Brianna Johnson realized her dream of getting out of her wheelchair and walking across the stage to receive her diploma.

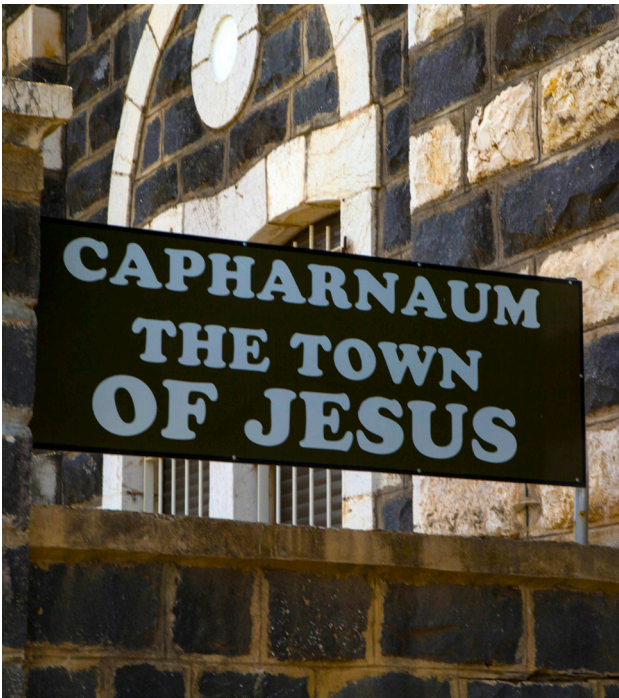


Dr. Joe Davis and members of the tour team at David and Goliath's Valley of Elah.

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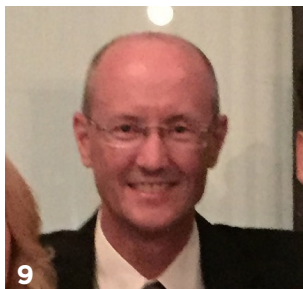
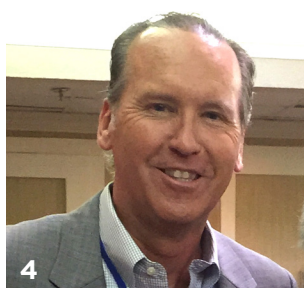
PERFORMANCE CALENDAR



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or call 863.667.5657

SEPT.	4	Unpland Improv , 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2	FEB.	17	session: \$8 adults; \$5 students. Free admission to the awards ceremony.
	14	Faculty Gala , 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students		23	RAW TV , 7:00 and 8:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2
	16	RAW TV , 7:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2		25	Piano Recital of Dr. Young-Ah Tak , 7:30 PM, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students
	30	RAW TV , 7:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2			Photography Exhibit , 6:30 PM, Bolin Hall, Free
OCT.	2	Unpland Improv , 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2	MAR.	9	Percussion Ensemble Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students
	8	Photography Exhibit , 6:30 PM, Bolin Hall, Free		11	RAW TV , 7:00 and 8:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2
	13	Piano Trio: Spiritus , 7:30 PM, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students		12	Wind Ensemble Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, 7:30 PM, \$5 adults; \$3 students
	14	RAW TV , 7:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2			Unpland Improv , 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2
	26	String Orchestra Concert , 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students		12	Art to Art: The Intersection of Images and Words , 6:30 PM, Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, Free
	28	RAW TV , 7:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2			A Night at the Opera... Scenes , 7:00 PM, Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, \$7 adults; \$5 students
	30	Wind Ensemble Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students		19	Percussion Recital of Brian Blume , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students
NOV.	2	Musical Theatre Revue , 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students	APR.	30	RAW TV , 7:00 and 8:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2
	4	RAW TV , 7:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2		8-10	Children of Eden , April 8, 7:30 PM; April 9, 7:30 PM; April 10, 2:00 PM, Harrison School for the Arts, Lakeland, \$15 for adults; \$10 for students
	5	Jazz Ensemble Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students		13	RAW TV , 7:00 and 8:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2
	12	Contemporary Band Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students		14	Jazz Ensemble Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students
	13	Unpland Improv , 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2		17	Orchestra Concert , 3:00 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students
	15	An Afternoon Melody , 2:00 PM, Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, Free		19	Chamber Singers Concert with Imperial Symphony Orchestra, Florida Southern College, and Lakeland Choral Society , 7:30 PM, Youkey Theatre, the Lakeland Center, Lakeland; Free, students; \$15-\$35 adults
	16	Choral Concert , 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students		21	Photography Exhibit , 6:30 PM, Bolin Hall, Free
DEC.	18	RAW TV , 7:00 and 8:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2		24	Contemporary Band Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students
				25	An Afternoon Melody , 2:00 PM, Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, Free
JAN.	1	Photography Exhibit , 6:30 PM, Bolin Hall, Free			Choral Concert , 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, \$5 adults; \$3 students
	4-5	Christmas Concert , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students			
FEB.	27	RAW TV , 7:00 and 8:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2			
	29	Faculty Showcase , 7:30 PM, Bush Chapel, SEU, \$5 adults; \$3 students			
FEB.	4	Lecture Recital , 7:30 PM, Choral Rehearsal Hall, SEU, Free			
	5	Unpland Improv , 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Bolin Studio, SEU, \$2			
	5-6	Revolution Film Festival , 7:30 PM, Feb. 6, 7:30 PM. Two-day pass: \$15 adults; \$10 students. Only opening			

FOCUS on FACULTY



1 DR. KENNETH ARCHER, professor of theology, was invited to present a paper at the International Conference of Empowered 21 held at SEMISUD (*Seminario Sudamérica*), Quito, Ecuador this past November. Dr. Archer co-authored and presented a paper entitled “Listening to the South: Quichua-Ecuador Contribution to an Affective Pentecostal Hermeneutic” with Bobby L. Lynch Jr. The paper will be published in *Global Renewal Christianity: Spirit-Empowered Movements Past, Present, and Future*, vol. II: *Latin America*. He also had an essay published, “The Holy Spirit and the Early Church in the Book of Acts: The Global Mission of the Messianic Community,” in the *Holy Spirit: An Unfinished Agenda*.

2 DR. MELISSA ARCHER, assistant professor of Biblical studies, had her dissertation published, *I Was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day: A Pentecostal Engagement with Worship in the Apocalypse*. It can be found on Amazon. She was also invited to be the featured speaker at Pentecostal Theological Seminary’s annual lectureship series in February.

3 PAUL CORRIGAN, assistant professor of English, had his review essay “Whispers of Faith in Contemporary American Literature” published in *Christianity and Literature*.

4 DR. ROBERT CROSBY, professor of practical theology, was a speaker at the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) in Houston this past April. His

presentation was on “Building a New Generation of Leaders.” The event featured several speakers, including James Robison, Samuel Rodriguez, Jeb Bush, Mike Huckabee and Harold Smith (CEO of *Christianity Today*).

5 DR. MARGARET DE ALMINANA, assistant professor of Biblical studies, has been appointed to the position of executive director for the Society of Pentecostal Studies. She will shadow her predecessor, Lois Olena, for a year before assuming full duties in the fall of 2016.

6 DR. CAMERON MCNABB, assistant professor of English, has published several creative writing pieces, including “Florida Triptiks” in *Deep South* and “Jonathan Swift Applies to The Onion” in *The Satirist*. Her article “Dinosaur World” won *Creative Loafing’s* Readers Choice Award for their 2015 Fiction contest.

7 JASON OLD, assistant professor of Spanish, is working on the second edition of “Cuba: Behind the Embargo.” He also started a surf-sharing social networking platform called The SurfShare.

8 DR. MARCIA POSEY, chair of the department of nursing, presented at the International Westberg Symposium for Faith Community Nursing. Her plenary session was on the use of Music in Nursing Education as well as a tool for working with patients on age-appropriate skills across the lifespan.

9 DR. RIC ROHM, associate professor of business and leadership, was the guest speaker at the Army ROTC Cadet Ball in April. Their commander asked if he would share his experiences and give advice to the cadets as he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel. The Moccasin Battalion resides at Florida Southern, but also serves Polk State and Southeastern students. Southeastern currently has seven cadets there.

10 DR. GRACE VEACH, dean of library, had an article on purchasing ebooks published in *The Christian Librarian* journal.

11 DR. ROBBY WADDELL, professor of New Testament and early Christian literature, had an article published in *Vital* magazine entitled "How Can Christians Respond to Injustice? A case for prophetic Pentecostalism." He has also published articles in *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* and *Pneuma* as well as chapters in several books.



Make your nominations now to recognize and honor the work and accomplishments of our fellow alumni. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2015 awards, which will be presented during the Homecoming Banquet on Friday, October 16.

THE CATEGORIES ARE:

Distinguished Alumni Award

Granted to alumni who have distinguished themselves by making a significant contribution professionally which is recognized by his or her peers for outstanding achievement or through service to Southeastern University.

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Go to **alumni.seu.edu/Awards2015** for more details
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BRENT and AMANDA (SWEET) BEESLEY | '01



KELSEY (ANTHONY) WILLIAMS | '13



GERALD and MADALINE (ALEXANDER) BRANUM | '70/'85

CLASS NOTES

IN THE LIVES OF SEU ALUMNI



DREW ALLEN | '06



GREG and MICHELLE (ORTIZ) HANNAH | '00/'97



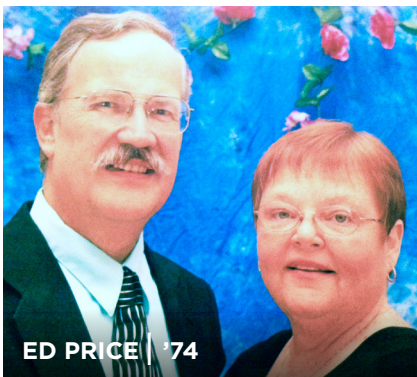
**WILLIAM and FRANCES
WOLF | '51**



SAMUEL SMITH | '55



**JERRY and ALTHA
(CHAPPELEAR)
WOOTEN | '65/'63**



ED PRICE | '74



JOHN TRAHAN | '74

1951

WILLIAM WOLF worked for 44 years as a math teacher, a supervisor of math and as a principal in Florida. After retirement, he joined the Department of Defense Schools and was active in education in Korea, Japan and Germany for 14 years.

1955

SAMUEL SMITH is a mentor to nearly 80 pastors by email in 18 countries. He publishes and distributes Gospel tracts in 17 languages that are translated by native pastors. In November of 2011, he published his life story, *Through It All in the Hollow of His Hand*, with West Bow Press. He has been married to his wife, Virginia, for over 18 years and together they have four children.

1959

WILLIAM VAN WRINKLE attends his youngest son's church, New Haven of Hope, in Terre Haute, IN. William has pastored for over 60 years and taught in the public school system for over 40 years.

1960

JAMES ROSS retired from pastoring Loon Lake Assembly in Loon Lake, WA.

1962

JAMES and SONJA (SANDERS) FARRER have been in ministry for 50 years. For 15 of those 50 years, they were missionaries in Tanzania.

LYLE and GLENNA (COX) RAKES '89 live in Winston Salem, NC. Lyle celebrated his 50th year of ordination in 2014. He is also the legacy pastor at Winston Salem First Assembly of God in Winston Salem, NC.

1964

VASHTI FORD has been a volunteer at New Life AG in Winter Haven, FL, since she retired. She is getting ready for her 38th mission trip to Haiti to teach children's workers how to use things in the environment and to teach children about the Bible.

1965

JERRY and ALTHA (CHAPPELEAR) WOOTEN '63 recently celebrated the birth of a new granddaughter, Jenna Leigh. In September, they will have a total of four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1968

DAVID STOCKER is pastoring Calvary Assembly of God in Orange Park, FL. He has pastored in Florida for 46 years. David has been married to his wife, Helen, for 46 years. They have two children, David Jr. and Rachel, and five grandchildren.

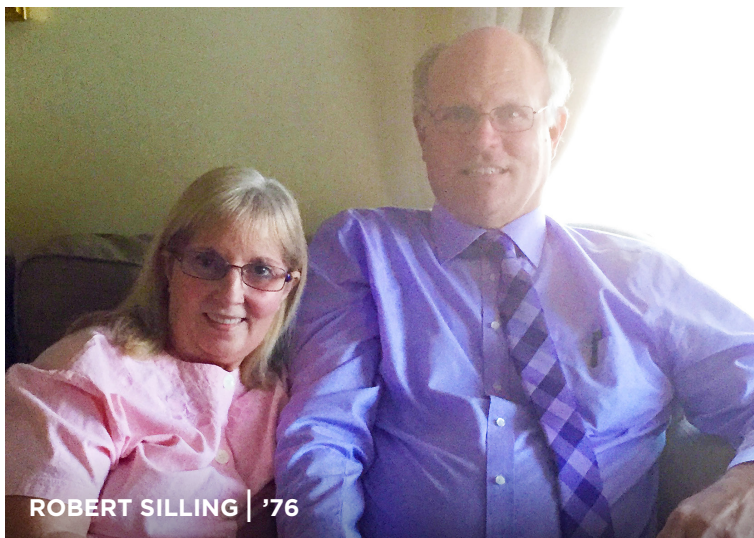
1970

GERALD and MADALINE (ALEXANDER) BRANUM '85 serve as Assembly of God missionaries to the Europe region.

HAROLD and PAULETTE (STETSON) NALL '69 are active in Burlington Assembly's Sunday School Adult Prophecy Classes in Burlington, NC. They have been married for 45 years and were Southeastern's 1969 Sweetheart Couple voted by the student body. Harold retired as an English high school teacher after 34 years of teaching.

1971

STEVEN and DARLENE ALLEN are living in West Columbia, SC. Steve completed his M.A. and D.Min. at AGTS. He was part of the first D.Min. Cohort at AGTS in 2001.



ROBERT SILLING | '76



KEVIN COTTER | '80

DANIEL APPLEWHITE has pastored Fellowship Church AG in Lakeland, FL, for the past 40 years. He met his wife, Carol, at the church. Together they have three children and 10 grandchildren.

1974

LARRY BOAN is celebrating 34 years as associate pastor of Central Assembly of God in Vero Beach, FL. He has four children and two grandsons. Larry and his wife, Janice, are administrators of the Amber Fund, a scholarship program for short-term missions.

TIMOTHY HUME is the senior pastor of New Life Fellowship Assembly of God in Riverside, OH. He has pastored there since 1988. His wife, Lucinda, is the co-administrator of their Christian school, East Day Christian School.

ED PRICE moved back to Florida in 2014 and planted Relevant Life Church in Tavares, FL, with his wife, Janis.

JOHN TRAHAN is currently a chaplain with the Shelby County (AL) Sheriff's Office. Prior to that, he pastored and completed his M.Div. from AGTS in 1981. He also served as an active duty navy chaplain and as a Federal Bureau of Prisons chaplain.

1975

ALBERT and REBECCA (CROSS) VEALEY '78 are pastoring Mt. Calvary Christian Fellowship AG in Murphy, NC.

1976

ROBERT SILLING is currently pastoring Hilltop Bible Church in Rockingham County, VA.

1978

HERBERT KOLENDA and his wife, Melodee, pastor Lakeside Assembly of God in Menominee, MI. They have four children, one son-in-law, and one grandson.

PHILIP PRINCIPAL attends Port Veu United Methodist Church in McKeesport, PA. He is also working on compiling a personal devotional journal.

1980

KEVIN COTTER has pastored the Cheshire Community Church in South Canandaigua, NY, for the past 25 years. He earned his M.Div. from Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College in 2004 and completed his course work for his D.Min. at the same institution. He has been married to his wife for 35 years

and together they have five sons, two daughters and four grandsons.

STEVEN HENNINGER is retired from the Ford Motor Company. He attends Connection Church in Canton, MI.

1981

DAVID CAO and **LIEN HUYNH** are the senior pastors of Genesis Vietnamese Baptist Mission in Georgia. He is also the chairman of Victory Revival Ministry Center.

BRIAN HUNT retired from pastoring and assists at Central Assembly of God in Haughton, LA. He is also an electronics associate at Walmart in Bossier City, LA.

1983

JIM KULTAU is a pastor at First Baptist Church of St. Rose in St. Rose, LA. He has pastored there for almost four years.

1984

JIM MANN and his wife, Tracy, and their four children live in Anderson, SC. Jim is a morning show producer and announcer at His Radio, which serves the Carolinas and Georgia. He also has a voice-over company called Mann Made Productions. Jim and Tracy own and operate Cricket After Care and Summer



STEPHEN AND CINDY (FREED) LESCARBEAU | '85



KRISTA ABBOTT | '94



JANELLE (CRAIN) SMITH | '95

Camp. They have been operating it since 2002, providing employment for hundreds of college students and after school care for over a 1,000 children.

1985

STEPHEN and **CINDY (FREED) LESCARBEAU** live in Ormond Beach, FL. Cindy is the video director at Tomoka Christian Church. She co-leads their athletic theatre group and leads their dance ministry. She is the owner of a faith-based, performing arts school, Dance Divine Ministries. Cindy is an evaluator for the dance division of the Assemblies of God regional and national fine arts festival. Stephen is an actor and a physical therapist assistant. He travels around Central Florida to do physical therapy treatments on patients. Their son Julian is the lighting director at their church and their daughter Jensen is a Music Education major at SEU. They have also been on two mission trips to Japan.

1986

SUSAN (SISK) VLAHOS is working for the Social Security disability office in Easley, SC. She has been married to her husband, Nick, for 28 years and together they have three children and one grandchild. They are pastoring

New Life Foursquare in Easley, SC.

1989

SCOTT and **JOYCE (GRANT) LINGERFELT** live with their two children, Meagan and Michael, in Statesville, NC. Their daughter, Meagan, is getting her master's in educational psychology from Liberty University and their son, Michael, is finishing his senior year of college at Full Sail University with a degree in musical production and engineering. Scott is the pastor of Life Point Church in Statesville, NC. Joyce is the choral director at East Iredell Middle School in Statesville.

1993

CHRISTOPHER "CASS" NALL attends Burlington Assembly of God in Burlington, NC. He is active in the Sunday School program.

1994

KRISTA ABBOTT earned her Ph.D. in theology in 2006 and has co-authored several books. One of her books, *Flourish in Adversity*, was listed on the Amazon Best Seller list in three categories. She currently serves as the director of operations and communications for her home church, Restoration Place

Tallahassee. She recently joined the Maxwell team and will become a certified John Maxwell speaker, trainer, and coach in August 2015.

JAMES NOBLE and his wife, Juanita, are pastors at Beit Hallel Messianic Fellowship in Hamilton, IL.

1995

JANELLE (CRAIN) SMITH lives in Taylors, SC, with her husband of seven years, Terry. She is a full-time substitute teacher with the Greenville County School District. Her husband is a certified dog trainer and self-employed with his eBay business.

SCOTT YOUNG is attending Clearcreek Christian Assembly where he serves as the Royal Ranger Commander for kindergarten through second grade. He has been married to his wife, Inda, for 14 years. They have three children: Patrick (11), Erick (7), and Clori (4).

1996

BRIAN BOUTWELL spends his time as a full-time evangelist.



TIM and CINTHIA (MATTULAT) STEPHENS | '01/'02



JARED and HEATHER (LEAGUE) LANZA | '03/'01

1998

HARRY HOYT pastors a non-denominational congregation called Jesus Chapel. He has been the pastor since January of 2006. His wife, Lynn, works in juvenile justice. All four of their children are married and they are the grandparents of two grandsons.

JOHN MUNDY currently serves as an assistant principal in Vancleave, MS. Since graduating, he has worked on advancing his education. He has earned a master's in education, become a National Board Certified Teacher and Specialist of Education, and in 2011 he earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership.

2000

GREG and MICHELLE (ORTIZ) HANNAH '97 reside in Bartow, FL, with their four girls. Michelle recently graduated from midwifery school and is practicing as a licensed midwife at the local birth center, Celebrate Birth, in Lakeland, FL. Greg works as the production manager at Mabe Productions and Installation in Lakeland, FL. He has worked there for 13 years.

2001

BRENT and AMANDA (SWEET) BEESLEY have served in three churches ranging in size from 200 to over 2,500 since graduation. Amanda has served in various roles with youth and women and Brent has been a worship pastor at all three churches. Currently, Brent is a traveling worship leader and speaker and he released his first worship album, *Vulnerable with God*, which is available on iTunes, Amazon and Google. He is in the midst of finishing his second album, which is scheduled to be released this spring. Brent and Amanda also have an online jewelry shop, "Rock Life Jewelry." They have three girls: Jade (12), Julianna (9), and Jasmine (8).

TIM and CINTHIA (MATTULAT) STEPHENS '02 are currently serving as the senior pastors at Callaway Assembly of God Church in Panama City, FL. They have been the pastors since 2012. Tim serves as the assistant presbyter in Section 8 of the West Florida District and on district missions committees. He also finished his master's degree with AGTS in 2004. Cynthia has spent several years as a teacher in the public school system. They have been married for 15 years and have three children.

2002

RUSSELL NORRIS oversees the admission department at Knox Theological Seminary in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He and his wife, Erlene, of nine years have two boys, Joseph (7) and Benjamin (5). They live in Boca Raton, FL.

2003

KEITH and CHRISTINA (STEPHENS) BRUMBALOW are the lead pastors at Excel Assembly in Monroeville, AL. They have served there for more than three years. Prior to that, they were student pastors at First Assembly in Griffin, GA, for seven years. They have three children.

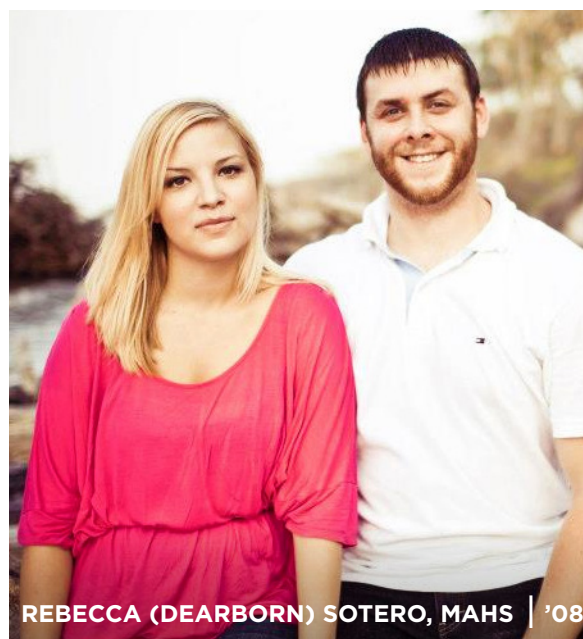
JARED and HEATHER (LEAGUE) LANZA '01 moved to Pittsburgh, PA, in 2009 to help start Lifestone Church. They started a church plant of their own, called Encounter Church, in a nearby neighborhood in Pittsburgh. The church celebrated their one-year anniversary in March. Jared and Heather have been married for 13 years and have two children, Autumn (12) and Lincoln (8).



KEITH and CHRISTINA (STEPHENS) BRUMBALOW | '03



DANIEL and MELISSA (OVERLY) QUACKENBUSH | '07



REBECCA (DEARBORN) SOTERO, MAHS | '08

2006

DREW ALLEN and Kori recently purchased their first house in Gainesville, FL. Drew is the marketing director for Fracture, a company that prints photos onto glass, while Kori is serving as the finance director for the Alachua County Housing Authority. Drew also plays drums almost every weekend at Anthem Church in Gainesville.

JUSTIN CUTTER and his wife, Jordan, are youth pastors at Calvary Assembly of God – The Grace Place in Fort Ashby, WV. They have been pastoring there since July of 2013. Justin previously worked at Radiant Assembly of God in Surprise, AZ.

2007

SONYA (INGLE) BARNES is a middle school teacher for Polk County Schools and is pursuing her master's in educational leadership at SEU.

DANIEL and MELISSA (OVERLY) QUACKENBUSH are living in Wyckoff, NJ, with their four-year-old son Myles. Melissa was hired to work as director of curriculum, instruction and assessment at Midland Park Public Schools. She is also working on her Ph.D. in education at St. Johns University in Manhattan. Daniel is

a teacher at Ridgefield Park High School. He teaches business courses, coaches varsity baseball at Emerson High School, and is the assistant bowling coach at Park Ridge High School.

2008

HILTON, '08 MAML and BROOKE (CHERRY) BURKHOLDER '12 MSPC are currently youth pastors at New Life Assembly of God in Lakeland, FL. They have been in this position since 2006. Brooke works as a school counselor at Spessard L. Holland Elementary in Bartow, FL. Hilton and Brooke welcomed their first child, Bailey Elizabeth, on October 14, 2014. They are also adjunct professors in the Religion and Psychology departments at Southeastern.

BRANDON HURST is the missions and international student pastor with Chi Alpha at the University of North Texas. He has led and participated in mission trips with teams of students to Germany, Taiwan, and Sweden. His wife is a pediatric nurse and budding writer. They are expecting their first child in August of 2015.

NATHAN and JENNA (TREFNEY) POOLE live in Orlando, FL, with their two children and are expecting another

child this fall. Nathan earned a master's in nonprofit management from UCF and Jenna completed her master's at Liberty in accounting. Nathan now serves as the operations manager for Orangewood Christian School in Maitland, FL, and Jenna served as an audit manager for an accounting firm before transitioning to work for Verizon as a project manager.

REBECCA (DEARBORN) SOTERO, '11 MAHS and her husband, David, will be serving as U.S. Missionary Associates with David Houck in the Ocala National Forest. Their ministry includes: restoring homes for single moms and operating food banks, feeding sites, summer camps, and after-school programs.

2009

CATHERINE (WILSSENS) PATRICK published a Bible study in a workbook format entitled *What Are Spiritual Gifts? How to Decide When Even the Experts Disagree*. This is a comprehensive study comparing and contrasting the various ideas of some of the best known scholars and teachers on the subject of "giftings."



RONALD and JENNIFER DAUGHERTY | '10



MELODY SILVA | '10

BRITTANY (GRUBBS) SIKES married her husband, Zane, in Seoul, South Korea, in July of 2009. They have a five-year-old daughter who will be starting school in 2015.

2010

ROBERT CAFARO has been employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis as a forecasting specialist since 2014. He went to UNC Charlotte and received a master's in economics in the fall of 2013.

RONALD and JENNIFER DAUGHERTY are pastors at Freedom Life in Milesburg, PA. Jennifer is the next generation pastor and Ronnie is the creative arts pastor. They adopted their three-year-old daughter, Lena, in 2014.

MELODY SILVA is a staff pastor, worship leader, and office manager at Calvary Church in Winter Haven, FL. She has been married for more than eight years to her husband, Santiago. They have two children, Elianna (6) and Elias (3).

2011

CHRISTINA (SARA) SPURLOCK has held several positions in the television production industry, including a freelance position for ESPN Chicago and full-time producer for Channel 23 WIFR Rockford, IL. Christina has been working in Nashville, TN, for two years. She is a product-training specialist for Click Effects. In April of 2015, she married her husband, Kaiden. They attend Cross Roads Cowboy Church in Bon Aqua, TN.

ULYSSES "STEPHEN" KING recently published and released his first book, *Running Away: The Memoir of a Bishop's Son*, with Westbow Press. His book is available online at Westbow Press, Barnes and Noble, and Amazon. Stephen is also the lead pastor at Memorial Tabernacle Church in Oakland, CA.

RICHARD and MILISA (SAYLOR) QUINLAN are living in Kissimmee, FL. Richard works for the U.S. Postal Service. Milisa owns her own business, "Memories from a Photo."

TORI RASMUSSEN has served with Victory Family Center out of Singapore in the Katavi region of Tanzania, Africa, for the past four years. He has also been a field representative for Voice of the Martyrs for eight months. His current projects in Tanzania include planting churches among the unreached people groups, building a health center in the Rupa Valley and an 80-kilometer road project to help transport people in the area to the nearest hospital.

2012

TIMOTHY DOWNEY serves as a student ministry director at Grace Church of Avondale in Jacksonville, FL. He has been on staff at Grace for over two years.

JESSICA (SWINDAL) LITTLE married her husband, Lincoln, on March 29, 2015. Since graduation, she has worked as a loan officer for GTE Financial. She recently moved to Chicago, IL, where her husband is attending Doctor Scholl's School of Podiatry. She is working toward becoming a consumer loan analyst.



2013

JOE and HOLLIE JO (EADS) HEPLER '14 MAML are working at Trinity Church in Miami, FL. The Heplers previously served at Southeastern as staff members in Student Development. Joe is working as the director of Miami Leadership Institute at Trinity Church. Miami Leadership Institute is an extension site of Southeastern. Hollie Jo is working as the director of communications at Trinity Church.

KELSEY (ANTHONY) WILLIAMS is a juvenile victim/witness counselor for the state attorney's office in the fifth judicial circuit in Florida. She assists the victims of juvenile crimes through the criminal justice system.

2014

CRISTEN BELL started teaching English in Japan in August of 2014.

LUKE and BRITTANY (EDWARDS) HALLBERG are living in Virginia Beach, VA. Luke is working at GEICO as a part

of the Emerging Leaders Program. He has passed tests for multiple insurance licenses. Brittany is working at Jenkins Restoration Services LLC in the administrative department. She hopes to pursue her master's degree in finance next year.

DANIEL JACK had an educational article, "The Effects of Social Capital on English Language Learners," published in the *Florida Foreign Language Journal* 2014. He is a teacher with the Volusia County School Board.

MONIKA MESKYTE will be attending Princeton Theological Seminary in the fall of 2015 to pursue an MA in Theological Studies.

MARCELA MONROY and her husband, Carlos, are ministers in North Carolina. They have two children and five grandchildren.

MELODY PICON is a full-time actress at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL. Melody acts daily in six plays, five days a week, taking place at The Holy Land's theatre, Church of All Nations.

IN MEMORIAM

IRENE MEISSNER '50 passed away on February 13, 2015, just five days shy of turning 94 years old. Her husband, **EDGAR '50**, passed away on February 20, 2011. They were married for 68 years.

MATTHEW NELSON '66 passed away on January 3, 2015. He served in ministry for many years in Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and their two daughters and their husbands: Esther and Benjamin Cade, and Catherine and Tim.

TERRY STIEFEL '74 passed away on January 25, 2015. Terry was an active member of Victory Church in Lakeland, FL, and served in Royal Rangers ministry for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Jacqueline; his daughter Krista; his mother, June Headley; his three brothers: Steve Speh and wife Louanne, Craig Speh and wife Diane, and Dennis Speh.

ANDREA MOODY '10 passed away on February 9, 2015, in the Florida Keys. Andrea was a professional counselor at Living Hope Counseling Center in Lakeland. She was also highly involved at Harvest Assembly. Her legacy lives on through her husband, Gordon, and the many lives that she impacted in the Lakeland community.



This spring during the annual SEU employee recognition event, I was acknowledged for 25 years of service. When I came to Southeastern College in August 1989 as a resident director, it never crossed my mind I would still be here this many years later. If there was any need to help put that length of time into perspective, it happened when I walked across the stage and the host, **GEOFF OTT '13**, stated that he was eight years old at the time of my arrival.

I have been fortunate and blessed to meet and work with many wonderful people during these years. Many of the students I worked and lived with are now pastors, teachers, business leaders, entrepreneurs and other contributing members in their communities. I see many of those students now as parents bringing their children to attend Southeastern. A few months ago I ran into a former student who had worked in my office. She introduced her daughter to me, a future SEU student this fall, and said that she will be looking for a campus job and would like to work in my office.

Reflecting on a Lifetime of Developing Students

by Darrell Hardt

Often you are remembered by the work you do. Alumni I run into from the early 90s will say, “Didn’t you used to be the ‘chapel guy’?” I’m sure many now are recalling those little slips of colored paper called “chapel slips” that were used to take chapel attendance back before there was technology! Those from the ’00 years say, “I remember you; you are the ‘housing guy.’” Yes I am.

In addition to being the resident director for the South Apartments (now called South Pointe), I taught two youth ministry classes through the 90s. A few years ago as I was going through some old boxes sorting things, I came across a graded paper that had not been returned to a student. Trying to correct that mistake, I made it a point to return that 15-year-old paper on “planning a youth retreat” to the author when he came to attend his next SEU board meeting!

Many life-changing experiences and memories have been made at SEU. I remember the surprise of many at my first faculty Christmas dinner when I showed up with a student as my date. Judging from those reactions, it might have been a first. She has been my date ever since.

I still wonder at how long I’ve been here, and yet I think over the years I’ve discovered some of the reasons for my stay. At SEU, I have been privileged to serve in many positions – from the director of a men’s residence hall to my current position as Dean of Student Services.

My many positions and length of service have given me the unique opportunity over the years to interview hundreds of people who want what I have experienced. When I interview candidates for various positions within my department, it is uncanny how similar their answers are to one of the questions I ask:

“Why do you want to work at Southeastern?”

This is what they say:

They want immersion in a Christ-centered community. The Southeastern community is immersion in the lives of other people – people who will uplift and encourage each other **personally** as they work **professionally**. They wish to be valued as a member of a caring community.

They want to contribute to a lasting cause. What is more lasting than involvement in the development of students; helping nurture their calling (divine design), define their purpose (academically, spiritually and socially) and launch their lives?

I agree with their replies.

It is rewarding to be able to say, “. . . for this purpose I have been sent.”
Luke 4:43, NKJV





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